

RG meeting 1/14/17

Meeting Attendees: Andrea, Dante, Doug, Jana, Jay F, Jonathan, Jerilyn, Joyce H, Lee V, LouLou, Madeline, Nikki, Patti, Vickey

Anything that begins with "Note:" is activity that came after the meeting, but at this point might as well be communicated to the committee herein.

After missing a few meetings because of moving and other things, Dante finally made it to a meeting, and will be very helpful during the RG.

Jonathan reported that we have 68 full attendees signed up to the RG and 1 minor, and 2 for Saturday only, plus 7 Pub Crawls and 3 Cheese Tastings.

We have a balance of \$8607.68, plus accounts receivable of \$1188, plus Paypal funds on account of \$916.59, plus checks to be input of \$108, and \$353.83 Accounts Payable, for a net of \$10,466.44 available in the RG Fund.

Note: We have made 3 payments for \$2000 each to the hotel. A final payment is due Feb. 1 for \$800 plus any contingencies.

The budget did not include Paypal Fees or Paying for Committee Parking. Note: Although we will cover Committee parking if requested, we would appreciate people considering to park on the street behind the hotel. The block Doug and I saw only had signs that said "No Parking Friday 2:00-4:00", which appears to clear free parking for the rest of the RG after the opening of registration.

We had guaranteed the hotel 60 guest room nights over Fri-Sat-Sun. We were already at 60 with some more reservations coming in. Note: I think we are at 75. Note: Gene Schneider announced to GLAAM membership that Sunday was full, and there were only 3 nights left for Friday and Saturday. We contacted the Hotel Room Coordinator who agreed to allow more reservations and an extension until Friday Jan 20.

Pub Crawl will start in the hotel. David Emery has volunteered for us to use his van, which holds 8 including driver. Note: Douglas will be driver.

Jonathan proposed a "Wet dry run" the Friday a week before the Pub Crawl to evaluate the possible pubs, bars, lounges, etc. The committee agreed.

Committee members are asked to send a short bio and picture to Andrew to put on the committee page. You can see samples at: <https://www.glaam.org/rg/2017/committee/>

Please send a write-up or rewrite to: [Andrew@Merenbach.com](mailto:Andrew@Merenbach.com)

No one was in charge of purchasing the beer and wine for the StaRGazers' Lounge. Jonathan and Jerilyn volunteered to do a run at Trader Joe's.

Vickey and Jonathan will try to figure out how to get the RG Account on Vickey's "Square". Note: after the meeting, Madeline found instructions on the Square site for Multiple Accounts and sent the topic to Vickey and Jonathan.

We discussed the need to change from the current storage unit (because the closing time was changed) to a new place. LouLou recommended Extra Space Storage. Note: Jay made some calls and found an Extra Space in a good area at 175 W. Verdugo in Burbank, open until 10pm, and at a reasonable price. Madeline and Doug went there. Extra Space employees Beatrice and Van agreed that we could pay on January 31, and we would pay for a year, thereby getting an extra month for free. The fee is \$111 plus a \$14 security fee per month. They might have a way we can pay for a second year to hold the same rate, which we will find out about on January 31.

Lee Stillman had to resign as Hospitality Chair because he needs to work on his mother's estate. Desiree will take over as Hospitality Chair. Lee will still be able to help during the RG.

Madeline will confirm with the hotel that they will supply a refrigerator in the Presidential Suite. Note: Desiree noticed that the contract was never updated with some of the changes. For example, the contract had the conference rooms available until 6 pm. Adam DePree, the writer of the contract, had agreed in an email to extend the time to “24-hour”, but the contract itself still was incorrect on that and a few other points. We are working with the hotel on getting an addendum.

Committee members are invited to late lunch at the “Daily Grill” in the hotel after all conference rooms have been packed out.