

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**  
**September 26, 2016**

In Attendance: Brad Jett, Marge Barker, Jeff Pelkey, Andy Glazier, Lawrence Furbish, Midge Nelson, Susan Ford, Nancy Irving Nancy Hawes

*Thank you once again to Jeff for providing supper - delicious chili!!*

**Welcome to Susan** - Susan Ford from the Rochester club joined us for the meeting; she will be helping with the logistics of the reverse raffle.

**District 7790 Update** - Marge, Brad, Jeff and Andy will be meeting with PDG Leni Gronos and Tom Peaco of the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce on October 17 to talk about service projects and a potential 5k walk/run. Potential service projects that have been mentioned include a project on Hurricane Island (contact - Susan Howard from Oxford Hills) and a food packaging event. Also on October 17, they will plan to meet with someone at the Samoset to go over the many questions we have about the facility which Andy has been collecting.

**Finance - Budget Tweaks** - After going through the budget that Nancy (Irving) prepared, we made the following adjustments:

- Delete expense for RI Rep (2501) - we will not have one.
- Clarify that the line item #2505 labeled Programs is for speaker expenses rather than booklets.
- Delete Family & Partners Program (2511)
- Delete Reception Gift Other (2515)
- Decrease Hospitality (2514) to \$500 and increase Miscellaneous (2516) to \$1,000
- Delete District Conference Chair (2517)
- Delete Silent Auction (2518)
- We will probably need a line item for AV - Andy will find out on 10/17 what the Samoset can provide and how much additional we need to provide.

Making these changes brings the cost per person to just under \$300, based on attendance of 200 people.

The walk/run, if we do one, will have its own budget.

**Facilities** - See notes above re meeting at the Samoset on 10/17.

**Program** -

- Marge has been exploring having Andrew Kiezulas, a recovering opioid user, as a potential speaker.
- The entries for the District's 4-Way Test contest will be presented at the District Conference and the attendees will be able to vote on the winner.
- In addition to a trivia quiz to promote the conference, the committee would like to have some sort of trivia quiz/game at the conference itself; Nancy H to contact Richard Donhauser to see if he's interested in helping out.

**Registration** - Deb has indicated that she will design the badges (to insure that they're a reasonable size). We plan to start registration at the mid-year dinner.

**Marketing & Promotion (Lawrence Furbish)**

- A "Save the Date" will be included in each District Newsletter.
- A postcard is being designed, to be ready by the mid-year dinner when registration begins.

- The video promotion will be edited down to 45-60 seconds, so that it can be shown at the mid-year dinner (Brad, Jeff and Dave Underhill to do this).

AV - Dave Underhill will chair.

Reverse Raffle (Susan Ford, George Rice & John LoBosco) - Susan is willing to handle all of the logistics but John & George will need to do the solicitation for prizes. The plan is:

- Sell 100 tickets at \$100 each
- All of the proceeds (\$10,000) will go to the Foundation.
- We need to have some good prizes donated.

House of Friendship - It was suggested that Mort Schmidt might like to help with this - Jeff will contact him. Marge will ask her AG's at their October meeting if they would be willing to help out.

Road Race (Midge) - Everything hinges on whether this would be on the Samoset property or off property. This will be a topic that will be brought up with the Chamber and Leni at the 10/17 meeting, to find out whether the community is saturated on road races, and how feasible it would be to solicit sponsorships considering their community is not in our district.

Golf - We will need to find out ahead of time how many people are interested in golfing - design a question into the registration form.

Entertainment - Jeff spoke to Juston McKinney. He will be on the west coast prior to the District Conference and is in the process of firming up his schedule. If he gets another gig on the west coast after that he will stay out there; otherwise he will come back east and would be available for the conference. He should know by the middle of October if he can do it.

Conference Ambassadors - Brad is going to go through his own conference registration list and try to identify a conference ambassador for each club.

Meeting Schedule - Meetings for the next two months are as follows:

**October 24 (Monday) - conference call at 5:00 (moved up ½ hour)**

**November 17 (Thursday) - York Chamber at 5:30**