

## Conference Committee Report November 2016

The committee met on November 17<sup>th</sup>, present were Marge Barker, Jeff Pelkey, Lawrence Furbish, Nancy Irving, Dave Underhill, Andy Glazier, Nancy Hawes

**Finances** - Nancy Irving stated that there was nothing new to report. The donation to sponsor the entertainer (Juston McKinney) has been received and he has been paid. Note that he will need a hotel room for one night.

**Facilities** - Andy has reminded Steven Ames, our contact at the Samoset, that we need to have the registration link to the Samoset so that we can put it on our website. We discussed forcing people to register for the conference before they can be directed to the hotel registration link. The room rate will be \$179. Note that we are just the 2<sup>nd</sup> group to use the Samoset after it re-opens after remodeling. (The first group can get the bugs out - hopefully just figuratively!)

**Program** - Marge distributed a template.

- Friday afternoon - barbecue lunch on the patio, followed by a service project. Currently being considered are a home repair project and/or a food drive. (A food packaging event is not being considered b/c the local food pantries do not accept products from these events due to quality concerns.)
- Friday Night - we need a speaker. Plan A = someone from Cuba, but only if there is a project that could share in the cost of bringing him/her up here. Plan B = ??? Suggestions were a local art museum director, the director of Acadia, someone to speak about the seashore or related industry. We will also need entertainment - a trivia quiz was suggested. (Another possibility for the trivia questions is to have a couple at each meal.)
- Saturday morning - 4-Way Test speech contest, panel on opioid abuse, business meeting. Kate Donnelly, an Ambassadorial Scholar to Africa will speak after lunch. We would like to recognize Cynthia Laux in connection with the 4-Way Test since she was very active with this program. The memorial (Celebration of Life) will take place continuously throughout the conference.
- Saturday afternoon - the chamber is putting together packages that people can sign up for and pay separately when they register (or at the conference).
- Saturday evening - Andrew Kiezulas (opioid abuse survivor), followed by Juston McKinney. The raffle prizes will be drawn Sat. evening.
- Sunday morning - Polio Fun Run. We cannot use the registered road race course so we will do an untimed event, with participants raising pledge money. This will be followed by golfing for those who want to.

**Marketing** - we are shooting for having promotional materials and website registration ready by the midyear dinner on January 30. Lawrence will put together a draft of the brochure and send it out for us to discuss at the December meeting.

**Sponsorship** - Jeff proposes approaching clubs after Christmas but before the midyear dinner; to be followed up at the midyear dinner.

**AV** - Curt Cumbar, who handled AV for Sheila's conference, will be the point person. It was suggested that Jamie diStefano (Portsmouth) might be able to help.

**Reverse Raffle** - George & John are on board - we need to solicit prizes. When Marge meets with her AG's, she will talk to them about prizes and the House of Friendship.

**Conference Ambassadors** - rather than an ambassador in each club, it was suggested that we have regional ambassadors.

**Our next Meetings:**

Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 - online

Monday, January 9 at 5:30 in York