

Minutes of CSTA Meeting dated 7/30/09

Attendees: Linda Heuman, President
Geff Gioia, Vice President
Kathy Hutka, Secretary/Treasurer
Jay Meagrow, Board Member and Past President
Chris DeCicco, Board Member

Absent: Dan Lind, Board Member
Sandy Sulen, Board Member

Dinner meeting was held at Southside Restaurant in Tremont at 5:15 pm.

Treasurer's Report:

Membership update – 65 members for 2009

We will keep unpaid non-members on distribution list in hopes that they come back

Sponsorship update – raised \$42,000 in sponsorship this year, \$2000 still pending and may come in.

Account status – current balance in account is \$58,546.44. We will pay out \$3,575. in membership dues and \$3000 “Friends” Sponsorship to National STA. Net money after that will be \$52,081.44

Old Business:

With regard to the good, bad and ugly of the Summer Outing, general consensus was to move golf back to Friday. Jay thinks more people would have made it to the outing as it's easier to leave work early on Thursday to attend evening event and have full day off on Friday to attend golf. Thinks the golfers like that better too (heading right to airport after the outing). Chris thought the Nautica Queen was okay, but felt the group was less united with some on lower level at Casino Night while others were on Upper Deck enjoying the summer evening, view etc. Casino night not as well attended as people would rather be outside. Plus some did not come because of the event being on the boat and others came and left before the boat sailed. Although overall everyone seemed to enjoy themselves that attended, for these reasons we would not repeat this venue.

Linda passed around thank you cards for Board to sign, she will get the thank you notes out over the next couple of weeks. Kathy will provide mailing labels.

The only Website revisions we currently have is to update the pictures on the website to this year's outing.

Jay, Linda and Kathy will work on by-law revisions. Once done, the amendments will be proposed to the membership via email. Jay will handle this at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda and Geff are planning to attend the annual STA Convention in Phoenix, AZ.

With regard to Charitable Donations, we voted to give \$2,500 to 3 local Charities including Bellfaire, Providence House and Laura's Home.

We thought about a fall member's meeting but decided to go with a "CSTA Season of Giving Get Together" on Friday, November 20th. Ideas for giving this holiday season will be proposed and voted on by the membership. Some ideas include Coats for Kids, Toys for Tots, etc. Chris expressed an interest in dressing as Santa Claus.

We talked a little bit about venues for next year's Summer Outing. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Browns Stadium were mentioned. We still have time to research thoughts for next year, so we will further discuss at future meetings.

Linda wrote an article for the most recent STA newsletter on the topic of building relationships with local members of Congress who vote on issues impacting our industry.

The next meeting of the CSTA will be held in September, date to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.