Dallas Diocese Convention Committee Meeting

Council 6402 Hall

May 14, 2022

9 am – 11 am

Chair – Mike Courtney

Co-Chair – Reed Fontenot, ad layout

Robert Repka – vendor setup

Jorge Ruiz – website

Jim Kowalski - advertising

Nick Flores – work crew

Jake Fleischer – ad layout

Joe Mock – Country Store

Tim Lucious - Hospitality

Mike Courtney opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Introductions and recap of 2022 Corpus Christi convention. For those that attended this was a good benchmark. Recapped 2020 convention preparations for the Dallas convention that did not happen. Look at this as a dress rehearsal.

Robert Daleo and Reed - Casino Night

Roy Rabenaldt will oversee liturgy.

Jim Hale will oversee finances.

Ken Franch to oversee 4th degree

Debbie Conway and Elsa will be in charge of women’s events

Dan Stoffel will oversee the golf tournament

Ed Diaz – VIP transportation

Chris Fowler – hospitality suite

Convention dates are May 4 – 7, 2023. Sheraton Hotel downtown Dallas.

Casino Night needs a theme. Cinco de Mayo, Kentucky derby, Star Wars Day?? Jake had some really good ideas on potential giveaways. Robert Daleo will supply all the gaming tables and staff to run the games. Reed will be responsible for prizes, tickets, chips, etc.

Jake and Jorge – let men in Dallas know now. Clear calendar for weekend of convention, budget for ads and make a big splash at the Dallas Diocesan Conference meeting in July. Start driving traffic to the DDC website.

Joe Mock - Country Store – discussed the type of items needed. We will have an on-line presence in advance to we can have those orders ready at the convention. We will have items at the convention, and we will have some sales for delivery post- delivery. Card readers needed. Royce Cheek to volunteer for country store. We will stay with the Green Staff shirt. There is a NEW KC logo we need to download and use. Recommend we set up a SKU number so as funds brought in, we can differentiate where they came from. Discussed signage and what is the State responsibility versus Dallas.

Registration – need to make sure that the ladies ticket pick up is also open the same time the State Registration is open. Discussed the number of men needed round 6-8. Registration training is on Friday morning with the State.

Hospitality Suite – discussed initial plans on what is to be offered and when. Plan is to combine with the State Hospitality suite on Thursday – intend to talk to the Fourth degree to staff Thursday. Talked about coffee and water service for folks at the convention – this is a State responsibility. Will copy what was done five years ago. The Holy Smokers will be doing the cooking. Need to check with hotel on if we need TABC certification to serve drinks in the suites? Does the hotel require their own bartenders?

Ads – need to do a little better than five years ago. Reed suggested talking to State Deputy for permission to email GK’s and DD’s in advance to advertise convention as well as ad sales. Mike to check with the State as to whether non-Knights can advertise in the convention booklet. Should we put together a point of interest for everyone at the conference? List of restaurants close by and approximate travel time? Great idea to have this at the State registration table.

Future dates?

July 9

9/24

11/19

And monthly in 2023.