

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

January 7, 2009, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the home of George and Mary Scovronski..

Members in Attendance: Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek

Guests in Attendance: Lou Benedetto and Mary Scovronski

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2008 Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Bell presented a report for December and Year to Date. A discussion developed regarding the allocation of the cost of the wine used at the Harvest Dinner. Because the wine was taken from WVA reserves, a value will be established so that the cost of the Harvest Dinner is properly recorded . The unaudited report was accepted and placed on file.

Vice President's Report: Tom Courtney gave the coming meeting schedule:
January: Chip Droege's "Aromas" program
March: Critical wine tasting of homemade wines
May: Wine-Food Pairing

Corresponding Secretary Report: Don Betlej said there was no correspondence, but Dave Brandt reported that an email had been received informing us that Chuck and Jan Finke's daughter, Peggy, who is suffering from cancer, is now in hospice care; prayers are requested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harvest Dinner

Attendance at the dinner was 66.

Dinner-Dance

Joanne Ziarek, General Chair, outlined the current arrangements:

Invitations: Sent out just after Christmas, except to Board members who received them at this meeting. Response is slow so far, but that is normal.

Wine for Fish Bowl: In the process of being acquired.

Menu: Lasagna Buffet; details to be determined on Friday with hotel.

Fish Bowl: Measures are being taken to assure that \$306 theft at last year's event will not happen again. George Scovronski suggested 3 attendants at each 'bowl'. He also suggested increasing the price, but will decide that when attendance is known. Tom agreed, adding that the winner ratio needs adjustment if the price doesn't change.

Chinese Auction: Looking for items; will try for Door County condos which were popular in previous years.

Silent Auction: Don and Debbie are preparing bid sheets. Dave suggested using a "super bid" or "buy it now" bid for bidders who really want an item.

Dice Game: Not determined as yet.

Playing Card Auction: Erv. H. volunteered to run this.

Because of the ‘corking’ rule of the hotel, notice will be given at each table that commercial wines may not be opened and drunk during the event. Only home-made wines can be used.

Jim Remus reported that the Latvian House, when told that we were having the D-D elsewhere, graciously returned our deposit with the cancelled contract.

Club Clothing

Mary Scovronski and Tim Larsen reported that the sale is under control but slowing down.

Business Cards

Rick Markham reported that cards are now available and will publicize their availability at the January meeting.

Bios of Life Members

Dave Brandt reported that his bio is completed and Opichka’s is scheduled.

Winemaking Video

George Scovronski recommends looking at it.

Judging Review Committee

Don Betlej will be assembling a group, including past participants, to evaluate wine judging procedures used in our club judging and at State Fair.

OLD BUSINESS

Portable Audio System

Jerry Wanty presented details on the desired system and reported that the retail price is \$135.99 and discounted \$128.95. Following a duly seconded motion to proceed with the purchase, it was voted unanimously to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for Club and State Fair Judgings

Club Judging: March 14th
State Fair: May 16th or 23rd

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

January 14th Membership Meeting: Chip Droege’s “Aromas” at Clifford’s

January 28th Board Meeting: Rick & Jo Markham’s home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary