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MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Convention Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

MCCA Offices in Augusta

10:00 am Friday, January 11, 2019

Attendance: Barbara Arseneau, Lynn Patten, Michelle Wadsworth, Diana Messina, Owen Smith and Lauren Haven

Educational Session Updates

NACo Public Retirement responded they would like to participate in a retirement option panel on Saturday Morning.

Maine Registry of Deeds wants to bring in a speaker for their group on Friday after lunch. This would probably not detract from any other speakers as this will be very specific to the Deeds and Probate groups. Others who are interested could attend as well.

The group talked about the possibility of Probate Judge Susan Longley coming to make a presentation on trusts and wills. This would go along nicely with the retirement option idea.

We could look into sessions for Sheriff's, Treasurers, and Human Resources. The committee discussed having a keynote speaker after lunch on Friday and then three concurrent sessions from 2:30 to 4:30. We could also schedule one session or two sessions in the morning while association meetings are in progress.

Entertainment

The online voting poll results were highly in favor of hiring Local Comedian Luke Hanberry for Friday night. He and his friends can do a one-hour show for \$1,500 which includes travel. We will offer them dinner before the show.

Saturday night, in following with the game activities in the afternoon we will have three games in separate rooms for folks to enjoy: Team Charades, Family Feud and Name that Tune. Lynn offered to organize one of the games. We can ask Todd Charles to do one – everyone had a great time in the past. Then we need one more person for the third game. After games we will roast smores and perhaps have a fireworks display. Lauren will look into costs for the smores activity.

Waldo County folks thought they might have a staff member willing to manage the scavenger hunt around the property.

Keynote Speaker

No update on Charlie's speaker from the Maine Development Foundation to give a talk on Economics in Maine.

The group talked about asking Travis Mills to speak; he usually gets \$5,000 some of which goes to his foundation for wounded veterans. Lynn thought he might give us a discount. Lauren said we'd have to come up with funding, but we might see if each county would like to kick in for it. She will try to get permission from the Board of Directors to send out an email about it to all the counties. She thought we should send a link to a video about Travis which might inspire people. If we scheduled Travis we could have Charlie's speaker after dinner during the opening ceremonies before the comedian. We would ask for a 20 minute time limit – half hour tops. Dinner at 6:30 with opening ceremonies starting 7:15, speaker at 7:30 and the entertainment at 8:00 pm.

Menu

The group looked at the meal plan drafted from the decisions made at the previous meeting. No changes were made at this time.

Other Updates

Lauren mentioned the audio and visual equipment costs were not included in the contract. She will try to get a list of pricing.

Point Lookout offered the same pricing for the 2020 convention if MCCA would commit to the dates. At the Board of Directors' meeting on December 12th it was decided to extend the contract for 2020. Possibly another county might co-host with Waldo county for this event.

Next Steps

Several committee members left the meeting with tasks assigned to them.

Schedule February Meeting

The next meeting was set for Friday, February 15th at 10:00 am at the MCCA offices.