

CONVENTION MEETING Jan. 22, 2017 Bob & Toni Sabino Apt. Ft. Lee
Meeting called to order @ 12:15 by Pat LeStrange

Paul Schroll-Treasurer's report read. Sandra Pyrros read 12/11/16 minutes.

Mike & Wendy Meehan – 88 Pre-registrations=\$5,490 from 21 states, Sweden & Canada. Wendy led discussion & went over the finished Registration Form that will be posted on our website this week. CTCI has approved the registration form. The form will be sent out physically to 2 members in the mail. Still working on "Constant Contact" program, an online system for registering & paying with credit card. Marriott booked sold-out. There are rooms available at the Residence Inn, 1 mile away for the same \$139 per night + breakfast. Also a Courtyard Marriott is available about 3 miles away.

Mike contacted "Securitas Co" a security company to provide overnight security in the parking lot at night. Cost will be \$30 per man per hour from 9pm to 6am for 3 nights = \$1733.00. A written estimate will be secured. A motion was made and passed to place a deposit. AV equipment needed for Awards Banquet--screen & projector for slide show.

Pat spoke with Rich Martin on the phone re: airport shuttle. It was agreed that a list of car companies with phone numbers will be made available for registrants to book for travel from the airport, etc. Perhaps some companies might provide a discount to travelers. Club should not be responsible for shuttling folks since we will have liability if we do the transporting.

Lucille Chabala not attending today's meeting. It was said that all tours & events were in place & secured.

Arlene Kubat – Hospitality – Co-chair, Donna Jesse It was agreed to raise budget to \$4,000. Mentioned that there was a Costco on Rt. 10 less than 5 miles away. Arlene said that she has a list of a lot of Volunteers to help her.

Bill Downing – He would like ideas for the next Early Bird Magazine article regarding advertising the convention. Various items were suggested to him.

Phil Guidone – Solicitation letter finalized which describes the convention & sponsorships/donation/plus other opportunities for events, list of donors & ads. Gold \$1000 Banner & Full page ad. Silver \$500 ½ page ad, Bronze \$250 ¼ page ad. Donations of items for goodie bags & tricky tray form &

program ads & vendor forms. It was mentioned that John Bolger's son could make up banners for the club as needed.

Sponsorship is also welcome for the Welcome Dessert/\$4,500. Friday Night Cookout/\$3,000. Hospitality/\$4,000. Lanyards/\$500. Goodie-bags. Printing of programs.

Harriett LoPiccolo not attending-Decorations

Toni Sabino-Welcome Dessert on Thursday evening. Expecting 300 people. Exact count to hotel 3 days before.

Bill Jesse said that he spoke with Rich Martin re Judging-nothing to report. Donna Jesse will contact detailers.

Vince Ucci – Trophy's. He was sent a photo of a Lucite trophy the club had in mind & an engraver was suggested nearby to the hotel. Two weeks will be needed to have supplier make up trophies. CTCI provides some of the awards & judges trophies.

Steve Handy will be the 50/50 chairperson.

Diane Szura-20 to 25 baskets needed to be made for the Tricky Tray. Some car related/wine/sewing/food/candles. Paul & Pauline storing items & baskets.

Arlene Kubat in charge of Volunteers

Pat asked if there was a budget for entertainment. Perhaps a DJ or 1-2 singers at Friday night BBQ.

Mike Parillo – Vendors Room

Photos of the Convention will be taken by Linda Antenucci & Joanne Seiler. Jamie Thigpen putting slide show together for the banquet. Betsy Tulowitzky will be handling the announcement of awards at the banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30

Next meeting on Feb. 19, 2017 at Bill & Donna Jesse's home.