

FGS 2017 Breakout Meeting

Date: April 6, 2017

Location: Nancy Conway's Condo, Melbourne FL

Attendees: Carole Hall, Therese Ferguson, Penny Webb, Mona Webb, Clarice Weathers, Pat Robertson, Sandy Jordan, Gale Young, Nancy Conway, Gail Gowdy, Johny Blunt

Meeting called to order by Mona Webb and Gail Gowdy at 1:30

Business:

Patch suggestions—Mona and Gail passed out suggestions sent in by patches with no representation. Discussion was held on validity and issues of these suggestions.

Treasurer's Report—Sandy Jordan, treasurer passed out Show statements.

Storage—The treasurer Sandy Jordan asked that she be allowed to pay for the storage for one year, rather than monthly. Committee approved. Mona is to get Sandy the information.

Next Breakout Meeting Date—Tentatively set for April 5, 2018. Approved

Classes and Registration—Nancy Conway and Sandy Jordan

Classes and Registration went very well. Suggestion was made and approved that Sandy will send Therese F. files to make up flyers upon registration starting. These flyers can be distributed in the local area. Sandy will also take instructors letter for Florida to Cherokee and put them in the packets to try to recruit new instructors for Florida. A suggestion was made to also collect all monies (raffle, contributions and registration, t-shirts, totes and the end of the day). Sandy said next year she would arrange to have this done.

Membership—Therese Z.

membership is about the same. Did not have the opportunity to recruit this year as she was unable to attend show.

Volunteers—

Pat Robertson. Signing up sessions went well. 2018 will continue to see if more volunteers can be recruited.

Exhibits—Gail Gowdy

Discussion was held about the monies categories. It was noted that all the "Best of" received monies except "Best of Adult Categories". Sandy made motion to retroactively award this "Best of" category. Therese F. 2nd. motion passed.

Discussion was made for an increase in Money for Show winners. Best of Show —\$100, Best of Novice, Master, Grand Master and Divisions—\$75, and Best of Juniors \$25. Sandy made the motion change and Therese F. seconded—Motion passed.

Vendor Booths—Fonda Haddad

Fonda was not in attendance. Sandy did put the next years vendor applications in their 2017 packets. Vendors always contribute something for the auction. Next year it would be in the silent auction.

Silent Auction—Therese Ferguson

Discussion was held on contributions to the silent auction. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Therese F. that all patches contribute two items to the auction for FGS. These items could be baskets, gourds, finished gourds. All monies from these items would be retained by FGS.

Dinner—Sandy Jordan

The dinner was not successful. Most attendees were very disappointed in the quality of food. The menu was to be Chicken, but changed last minute to pulled pork. It was recommended and passed that there not be a dinner next year. The table decorations and live auction would also be dispensed with. In order for the patches to make monies. A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Mona, and approved that each patch CAN contribute up to 4 items to the silent auction. All these monies would go back to the patches. There would be no traveling gourd and no table decorations (no dinner) and no live auction (no dinner).

Treasurer's Report—Sandy Jordan

The show income was down this year. This was contributed to the dinner and the live auction. See above note about these two items. A motion was made by Mona and seconded by Gail to approve report. Motion passed.

T-Shirt and Tote Sales

Discussion was held on what to do with remaining t-shirts and totes. Suggestion was made to make a quilt or pillows with the shirts and sell them. Clarice Weathers volunteered to come up with something for this project.

Youth involvement—Mona Webb

Discussion was held on what can be done to interest more youth in gourds. A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Gail that each patch adopt a youth group. The group can be elementary, junior, senior school, scouts, church group. Motion was passed.

A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Mona, that each patch working with a youth group be funded up to \$150 per year to purchase gourds for the youth group. It was also suggested that patch leaders reach out to gourd growers to help with this project.

Traveling Instructor—Sandy Jordan

Sandy reminded patch leaders that \$150 for each patch is available for a traveling instructor each year.

Show Chairs Travel—Therese Ferguson

Discussion was held about the Show Chairs traveling to each patch to keep them informed about the show and things being asked of each patch. A motion was made by Therese F and seconded by Sandy to pay the show chairs gas money for visiting each patch to bring them up to date on developments and keep them informed. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm (?)