

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meeting

December 8, 2022 | 7:00 pm | Special Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey (Zoom)

In Attendance

Board attendees: Marlys Achey, Mary Gross, Terry Gross, Mona Henspeter, Robin Henspeter, Claudia Hersey, Paul Hersey, Barb Kogler, Marcia Plewman, Rebecca Sputhe, Kris Wedel, Jody Wende

Board absentees: Carly Cortright, David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, Marty Hanson, Julie Happy, Ellen Hoffman

Appointee attendees: Jeffery Snow (cell phone attendance)

Appointee absentees: Deb Austin, Kyle Goodwin, Deby Hanson, Charlie Rimpila, Eva Roberts

Quorum? Yes

Special Events

The holiday dinner is next Monday, December 12, 2022. Terry has been assured by Jackie at the Spokane Club that their sound system is working. Paul will work with John Allen on the wine delivery. Claudia will bring the poppers and Mary and Marlys will set them at the tables. Claudia will communicate with Dionne regarding member recognition.

Glasses | Linens | Swag Bags, etc.

Claudia sent out the quote on the 144 glasses which totaled \$887.62 after all the additional expenses. A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase, which passed with no objections. Claudia will place the order, and she will have Dionne place an order for swag bags.

New Venue Search: Claudia Hersey

Everyone was given a chance to give their opinion on the choice between The Talbot Event Center and The Shriners Event Center:

Mary: She does not feel the Talbot Center should be in the running because it does not meet our needs. Her vote is for Shriners. She and Terry have visited and found Melissa to be amazing.

Terry: Shriners

Paul: He has visited both venues and likes both for different reasons. He is not fond of the classroom seating and knows the pitchers, etc. are a problem, and therefore votes for Shriners.

Robin: He has visited Shriners and likes the facility and the drop-off location for wine.

Mona: Shriners

Kris: She likes the location of Talbots better and doesn't mind the square tables, but Shriners is a nice facility and gets her vote.

Marcia: Shriners

Marlys: She wants to choose Shriners because it is better suited for those who are doing all the work and has round tables.

Jody: Shriners. She likes the feel of the room and the huge kitchen and double doors. They have enthusiasm for our group, which we have lost at SCC.

Barb: She did not visit Talbot, but visited Shriners with Jody and thought it was great.

Rebecca: She believes Shriners has more positives. She thanked everyone for all the research.

Claudia: She visited both places. Her initial preference was to stay close to SCC (she has given notice to SCC that we will not be returning). She votes for Shriners and believes Melissa will be excellent to work with.

Jeff: After connection difficulties, Jeff voted for Shriners, even though it is a greater driving distance for him. He had a concern about Talbot that their pricing will increase next year.

A motion was made and seconded that we approve Shriners as our new location for tastings next year, which passed. Claudia will work with them on a contract for the year. It will just be for tastings at this point, because the settings for our board meetings is still in discussion:

- In person at Shriners
- In person at another location
- In person at a board member's home
- Zoom

Claudia's message to the general membership regarding the venue change will be shortened and sent out in the next few days, prior to the Holiday Dinner. Send her any comments you have on her message.

Next Meeting

The next monthly board meeting will be at an unknown location on January 9, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Marcia Plewman, SES Secretary