

Parrot Head Club of Hamilton Business Meeting
March 20, 2008
Meeting Held at The Vicar's Vice

Present: Steven, Shona, Mary G, Fran, Ed, Annette, Danny, Judy, Tony, Art, Nijole, Bob, Gloria, Lorella, Bill, Mary T., Joan Miles

Last meeting's minutes:

Minutes were adopted as presented. Gloria moved and Bill seconded.

Unfinished items:

PHIP annual report was sent in by Bob. We received our Charter.

Membership update:

No new members. Bob transferred some membership renewals to Nijole.

Mail:

- Friends of Aviary reported on Feb. 23 that our sponsored parrot passed away again and that they were transferring our sponsorship to an African Grey Timneh named "Flint". Let's hope he lasts longer than Jerry.
- **E-mail.** Rec'd. e-mail from Bob Heffelfinger the big guy from PHIP, Not Jimmy Buffet (The Big GUY) congratulating our club for their work. This was sent after our Charter arrived. Charlie Walkington needs pictures of our club.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: Bob tabled latest financial statement as of February 29, 2008. We have a positive cash balance.

Project Update:

- CANUSA 2008 was very successful both socially and financially. The 2 Jims put on quite a concert and the Marriott hotel worked out very well. We may change the food serving arrangements for next year to try and spread out the food more efficiently over the evening.
- Bowl for Big Brothers/Sisters 2008. Date & Time is Sat. March 29 from 3 – 5 PM. We have 3 teams entered and our costume theme is ParrotHead Tail Gate Party. Once again our teams will be raising significant funds for this event. Ed and Fran have offered their home for a party after the bowling.
- Caribbean Blue Tropical Fest occurs on May 3, 2008. We are working with HECFI on this again. Caribbean Blue is set to perform and not sure yet who is opening. The venue is Hamilton Place Studio Theatre with a capacity of 325. We will be selling tickets at \$35 each but John Elder from HECFI was not present tonight so we have few details. Danny agreed to be ticket coordinator for this event at this time. The charity involved is the Hamilton MS Society.
We will more information for our next meeting since Danny is meeting with John week of Mar. 24.

New Business:

- Club Elections. Scheduled for May. A change in format was proposed. Instead of electing all executive positions at the same time, we would split the election as follows: all positions are still a 2 year term but year one elections would be for V.P. and Treasurer and year 2 would be for President and Secretary. Main advantage of the split is continuity.

Shona moved to adopt the split strategy and Fran seconded. A vote was held and all 17 members said aye.

We need 2/3 of the club to vote in favor of this (need a minimum of 22 votes) to carry.

An additional vote will be held via the internet with responses going to Gloria by March 28, 2008.

- Mary moved that we donate \$200 to Big Brothers and Nijole seconded.
- Gloria moved that we sponsor Shona's daughter (\$200) in the MS Walk on April 13; seconded by Shona.
- Mary moved that we consider sponsoring the Canadian Paraplegic Assoc. Wheel chair race in September; seconded by Nijole. More details at next meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- Meeting of the Minds in Key West , October 29 November 2, 2008. Attendees so far are: Doug, Mary, Danny, Annette, Bob, Gloria, Larry, Shona, Joan. Registration is still open.
- Caribbean Blue Tropical Fest, May 3.

Other discussion:

- Jimmy Buffet concerts in Detroit (June 10) or Pittsburgh (July 22). If anyone wants to attend using the Parrot Head ticket system, you must contact Danny and pay him as soon as possible. You can also try to obtain tickets on your own through the usual outlets.
- Food and Drink Fest. At Hamilton Place on the weekend of March 28-30. Mary G. has tickets at \$12. each. E-mail her if interested.
- Jimmy Buffet Night. At the Twisted Fork in Oakville on April 5. There will be steel drum music and all of Mary G.'s parrot head stuff! Tickets are \$65.
- Christmas Shoebox campaign for our troops in Afghanistan. Fran moved that we should consider this program instead of a Christmas Family. Ed seconded. We will get more details for the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

- April . Not a dinner meeting. Date and venue to be determined. Seeking a fun venue with music and dancing. Looking for suggestions. Let Danny know.