

RRCNA 29 Funding and Entertainment's Final report

I came into this position during the last few months before RRCNA 29 so this report might be limited to what I was a part of towards the end and during the convention.

I feel it is important to work closely with H&H and Programming when deciding to do events leading up to the convention. H&H does the food and beverage at the events so if they know when/what the event is then they can plan ahead of time and things move smoothly during the convention meetings. Programming decides who will be speaking at the events and again, a heads up gives them time to pick a speaker.

All events have to be approved by the convention committee and the GSRs have the final say at Area. The policy says you have to have at least three events and the last one to be the last chance dance. Events that were held on holidays were not well attended. One event was on New Year's Eve and did not go over well because of low attendance. Summer is a great time to host an event and rarely seems to happen for some reason.

I HIGHLY recommend the DJ we used last year. Her name is "Red" Michele French 779-212-4319. She did a great job at the last chance dance and the convention dance. The venue did not have a PA system so Red let us rent her system, for a nominal fee, at the convention, and was used for the main speakers. We locked up the main components at night so they did not get "lost".

We held 3 events at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rockford and it meets most of our needs for the events leading up to the convention. The New Year's Eve dance, chili cook-off/Uno tournament, and the last chance dance. Katherine was the contact at 815-963-4815. They charge \$2 per person that attends the events and we charged \$7 at the door to cover the church's fee and raise funds. No one had a problem with the fee. The only drawbacks are the kitchen is not in full service so everything needs to be prepared beforehand. I am not sure what works and what does not work. The fridge is in good working order. The electrical is an issue too. During the chili cook-off, we had to plug in 10 crock pots out in the main area and blew breakers. Our first event was held at a ball diamond in Roscoe for a kickball tournament. Again, this event was not well attended for some reason. We had enough people to play with only 2 teams.

We held a raffle for registration and a room at the hotel during the convention. This was a good fundraiser idea. It does need a raffle license that you get through the city/county. This was done before I came aboard so the chairperson's report has more info. But, we paid for the rooms and raised funds with 3 separate raffles at the last 3 events. The first event we sold tickets for \$20 each and seemed like it did not do well. It did cover the cost of the room and made an additional \$200 to \$300. For the next two events we sold tickets at \$10 each with a limit of 100 tickets sold and this seemed to do well at this price. A winner was picked at the end of each event. A total of 3 rooms/registrations were auctioned off. A report needs to go to the county at the end so they know who won and what was raffled off.

Uno/chili cook-off was a big success. We promoted it as the first annual cook-off so it would be fun to do a second one. We had 10-11 chili entries so H&H did not need to supply the meal for this event. All the chili was donated by addicts. If you decide to do this again, I

have the Uno cards since I just purchased them. We ordered a trophy for the best chili and the Uno winner.

Friday during the convention we had an open mic night in one room and a bags tournament in another. Open mic night was not a hit. I am not sure why. Maybe because there were no instruments for people or not well advertised. The bags tournament was attended a little better. We had 6 teams sign up and had enough boards for 8 teams. The first round went well but half of the teams that were supposed to move on left. An Addict donated the trophies which were printed out with a 3-d printer.

Again, three events are policy but more can happen to help raise funds. The summertime seems to be neglected for whatever reason. Longer events are harder on the committee since we all have to be there the entire time. The events that were about 4 hours with the speaker seemed to do well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Service,

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