

Hi All,

Small correction to the dates for the EDSO beach weekend is included below.

The Fall 2019 EDSO Board meeting was held on Thursday Oct 17th 2019 at the Marshall's home. Attending were Board members Virginia Fuller, Gerard Forsman, Gus Arellano, Barbara VanWoerkom, Linda Benson, Roy Marshall, Wayne Schweinfest, Ann Stumpf, Erik Miller, and Linda Jaress. Also attending were EDSO members Mike Benson, Vince Codella, Susan Marshall, and Wayne Stumpf. A quorum was present.

After a light dinner the meeting was opened at 7:15PM by the VP/site selection chair. He began with a round-robin review of what the board members had been doing recently. A lot of folks had been to interesting places or had very interesting experiences recently.

Around 7:45 we started the business portion of the meeting.

The Secretary reported that the Summer board meeting minutes were automatically approved without changes.

The Treasurer reported that we currently have \$3249.52 in the EDSO treasury as of October 15th 2019. The Membership Chair was not available to report.

There was a general discussion of how to bring in new members to EDSO. The VP/Site selection chair suggested that we advertise in newsletters, bulletin boards, etc. at Senior Centers as many of these people may have the time and interest to attend EDSO events. It was also suggested that we consider having an open house at a restaurant, etc. for prospective new members. Another idea is to develop a brochure or flyer that describes EDSO and what we do/how events work. This brochure could reside on our web site and be available to download and print out. These could be placed in stores as well as handed out to prospective new members. After a good discussion, no decisions were made.

Linda Benson gave a good presentation on the plan for the EDSO Holiday Party which will be held on Sunday December 8th at Ranees on Main in Oregon City. The plan is to arrive around 5PM and to dine around 6:30. We will have choices from 4 appetizers, 6 soup or salads, and 5 entrees. Dessert (2 choices) as well as coffee, tea and soft drinks will be included. Corkage is \$10. Price will be \$47, EDSO member discount will be \$43. It was mentioned that we have subsidized the last two Christmas Parties to the amount of \$1200 to \$1300 each and the price for this party does not require a subsidy. The board did decide to approve up to \$250 for the planner to spend on the party (music, decorations, etc.) at her discretion without coming back to the board.

We discussed various charities that EDSO members have supported in the past. The board decided to support the Oregon Food Bank for 2019. Susan Marshall volunteered to collect and deliver checks for the Oregon Food Bank.

Gus Arellano discussed his plans for the EDSO Beach weekend, January 24-26 2020. We will stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Seaside. Rooms will be \$119 per night. The hotel has a free breakfast. We will be able to use the meeting room at no cost and will be allowed to bring in wine, etc. The plan is to have attendees bring snacks & drinks for a happy hour at 5PM Friday and then go to Doogers for supper around 6:30PM Friday evening. Saturday after breakfast the group will travel to Astoria where there will be a docent-led tour of the Columbia River Maritime Museum starting at 11:00 AM. and lasting about 90 minutes. Cost is \$9 and includes entrance to a boat docked nearby. For an additional \$5, you can view one of two 25 minute films on Aircraft Carriers or Secrets of the Ocean.

Lunch in Astoria will be on your own but Gus will make some reservations at a Brewery and Drina Daisy. Saturday evening we will gather again in the meeting room at the Seaside hotel for pizza and drinks and Mike will again have a liquor tasting after dinner.

Upcoming events include Jake's Grill Tuesday October 22nd, Bergerac brunch on Sat Nov 2nd, Holiday Party Sunday Dec 8th and Soup Party Sunday Jan 5th 2020.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:50 PM.

The next board meeting will be 6:00 PM Thursday January 16th 2020 at the Marshall's home

Respectfully submitted.

Roy Marshall
Secretary