

Central Iowa NWA 2/24/05

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Member Attendance:18

Meeting Location: Legends Bar and Grill, Ames, IA

Conference

Agenda-Everything is finalized and looks great and under budget, Elise is working with Baron to see if they would be willing to pay for the printing costs of agenda books.

Travel-Thanks to Carl for getting money from NWS for travel! There are no issues and everyone is committed.

Hotel-Everything is okay. The deadline for registration is March 10th at Marriot.

Menu-We are trying to negotiate the buffet prices by going with the lunch buffet in the evening. This translates to cheaper prices. We decided to go for the Italian lunch buffet to take place in the evening. Between 4:30 and 6:30, there will be an open bar, but this is going to be a little expensive. Pitchers of water and some sort of candy will be available on the tables in the conference room. The question was brought up if we should have snacks during breaks. We can change our choices as we go along.

Electronics-The Audio Visual list has been compiled. The list contains most of the same as previous years. We are going to not have a podium and save \$180.

Projector-If we rented a projector, it would cost about \$500 per day. Dr. Gallus and other members will look into other sources for getting a projector for a cheaper price if not free.

Video Night-This night will not open to the public this year. Tim Samarus will kick off video night and tapes will be brought with the presenters. Each tape will run about 10-15 minutes each for 2 hours.

Promotions-Umbrellas have been ordered and look great! We will also have lanyards as another promotional item to be use for name tags. The colors will be black with white writing and a different color for officers and chairs. They have not been ordered, but they will only take about a week to arrive. We had to vote to increase the promotion budget from 2,000 to 2,200 to order the lanyards; it was passed

Registration-62 people have registered so far. Look for a sign up sheet from Elise to sign up to work at the registration table.

Pam Daale Scholarship

We had seven applicants apply for the scholarship. Dr. Gallus, Mitch, Ashley, Elise, and Janet narrowed the seven down to three. The next step is to send them out to other professionals in different fields to make the final decision. The final three applicants were from Pennsylvania and Iowa State University. Finalists will be notified by March 10th.

Conference Financial Report-Our total amount spent on the conference so far is \$6,359.60 WITHOUT electronics. This total is below what we spent last year

After the conference, Mitch will be resigning as President. He will be here for support, but Ashley will become our President. Please email any nominations for Vice President.

The next meeting will be March 23rd at 6 p.m. at WHO. Look for directions at a later date.