

MINUTES
CONVENTION CORPORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
MARCH 18, 2020
10:00 A.M. DEPARTMENT LIBRARY

1. Call to Order 10:00 A.M.

Commander Friend opened the meeting of the Department Convention Corporation Committee at 10:00 A.M.

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Members present:

Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant
Brad Teis, Department 2nd Vice Commander
Kristen Little, Auxiliary President
Kelly Gibson, Auxiliary Secretary
Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Gwen Zulch, Auxiliary Convention Corp- Conference Call
Jean Wilson, Department 1st Vice Commander- Conference call
Robert Schmitt, Past Department Commander

Guests Present:

Roger Friend, Department Commander- via phone conference call due to the Covid- 19 Pandemic (Coronavirus)

6. Dayton-

Sonya Harchaoui- Dayton Convention and Visitors Bureau started off the conference call with a YouTube video and PowerPoint Presentation.

Leslie- Dayton Convention Center. 2 options, \$8,505.00 or \$13,762.48 per year. They can fit both Legion and Auxiliary. 22 meeting rooms in the Convention Center. Offered comp room rental, \$15,000 F&B, rent their A/V. Parking in convention center is \$6.00 per day or \$2.00 per hour. Looking for possible discount. July 3rd, 2022 city of Dayton 4th of July celebration, only events scheduled in Dayton at this time.

Kris Davis- Crowne Plaza. Connected to the Convention Center. 287 Rooms, 225 rooms offered. Offering Comp hospitality rooms with 5 22-pound bags of ice per room. Additional bags will be \$5.00. Free welcome reception. Comp transportation to Marriott. \$10.00 rebate. 1:40 comp per room. Breakfast buffet \$14.62, they can have a lunch buffet for our group. Restaurant can hold 250 seats.

Kati- Marriott. \$10.00 rebate. Full buffet. Breakfast- \$16.50 and Lunch \$12.00. \$1,500 room rental fee for Tradewinds. Food and Beverage Minimum will be based on our needs. 19 meeting rooms. Ballroom 6300 sq feet, Tradewinds 3200 sq feet. Ballroom breaks down to 8 separate spaces. Grand Ballroom can fit 600-700 theatre style. Tradewinds can fit 280-300 theatre style. Presidential suite Comp. Comp hotel event manager with personalized reservation links. 1:50 Comp.

Sonya- Dayton CVB. Help with registration, 20 people free to us- they can't handle money.

Welcome packets. Name badge assistance with lanyards. "Show your badge" discounts at venues. Micro-website and landing page on CVB website. Offering \$5,000.

7. Sharonville-

Kathy Ehlman- Sharonville started off the conference call with a YouTube video and PowerPoint. Brewing company- Legion Beer and reserved rooftop. Sharonville Convention Center- comp parking. Renovation and expansion Will take about a year (2021). 19 meeting rooms. Grand ballroom can hold 1,648 people. \$15,000 convention center rental for the entire convention center just for us. Checking on getting a price for individual rooms. Grab and go lunches can be provided at the convention center. F&B for Convention Center? Hyatt has 120 rooms, will allow us to have 89. Delta has 230 rooms, will allow us to have 140. Hyatt- questions for hotel- breakfast included in room rate, can we bring in own alcohol, what is the room comp, what is the room rebate, do we have a lunch buffet? Rescheduled call for a later date.

8. Cleveland-

Catherine- Cleveland started off the conference call with a YouTube video and PowerPoints from other hotels. Cleveland will give us \$3,500 towards our convention. Catherine went over the convention and visitor bureau proposal. Comp convention services team, promo videos, websites, city table, ect.

Sarah- DoubleTree Cleveland Beachwood- 2 10 passenger shuttle vans to the Embassy Suites. Free hot breakfast. 10% discount at wine bar and restaurant. F&B \$5,000. Ballroom can fit 500 theatre style. 8 meeting rooms total. 1 to 30 comp, \$10.00 rebate. 2 suites. 200 committed rooms. Alcohol at cost to the Legion through the hotel.

Lauren- Holiday Inn Independence- 250 rooms, Ballroom 9,000 sq feet. All rooms offered and 60 rooms in Candlewood suites. Springhill Suites could be a 3rd option. 8 suites available and 5 at Candlewood Suites (\$139.00 per night). Comp rooms 1:30 for both hotels. Meeting space rental 650 or more rooms is free rental space. Hospitality rooms- our own alcohol. \$5,000 F&B minimum and if not, fee is waived. Breakfast buffet, \$8.95. Lunch buffet, \$10.95. \$10.00 room rebate. Hotel could possibly help at registration.

Polly- Marriott Cleveland East- 250 rooms per night. 2 suites, \$399.99 per night. 1:30 comp. Meeting space, no fee. \$10.00 per room. F&B \$5,000 if we have dinner, if not, fee is waived. Boardroom can bring our own alcohol. Ballroom can fit 920 theatre style. 13 meeting rooms total. Breakfast buffet, \$12.95. Lunch Buffet, \$12.95.

More negotiations need to be done with Sharonville and Dayton. Gathering more information from them for 2021 and 2022.

Discussion was had for 2021- Cleveland Holiday Inn Independence. June 25-27, 2021. Bob Schmitt Motions to have 2021 Department Convention at the Cleveland Holiday Inn Independence on June 25-27, 2021. Kristen Little, Auxiliary President seconds the motions.

MOTION PASSED