Dinner in the Dark

Meeting Minutes

1/7/19

Thanks to all who were able to attend this morning's meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 7:30 AM at Big Boy on Pearl St.

Here's a summary of our meeting. Let me know if I missed anything.

1. Save the date emails were sent out in December.

2. Dr. Tom Gardner of the Kellogg Eye Center will be our speaker

3. Anna is preparing the ask letter. Sponsorship levels will remain the same as last year.

4. Because several eye care providers have come together under the Blue Sky Vision banner, a separate ask letter to the Blue Sky's vendors will be prepared. Blue Sky Vision has requested that the asks for the Blind Dinner Date, Drive for Vision, and Run for Sight be consolidated into a single letter. Historically, these events have been supported by individual member organizations of Blue Sky Vision. Since the consolidation, there has been feedback that vendors would prefer a single ask over multiple requests. Rick will work with Colleen on this.

5. Jean has been working with the BOB. We will have a buffet with two choices. Expected dinner cost will be about $6,000. The title, platinum and gold sponsors will receive free drink tickets for their guests.

7. Sponsors and honorees (and their guests) will have reserved seating. Individual ticket holders will have open seating.

6. Event schedule: 6 PM Reception, 6:45 seating for program and dinner; 7 PM program followed by dinner; 7:45 speaker; 8:15 ask and goodbye

7. Honorees - Mary West and Charis Austin (Vision in Action); Tanis Hooker (Rising Star).  Anne is following up with Tanis. At this time, we aren't planning on a Lifetime Award or Visionary of the Year. (Tanis and Charis will need their awards in Braille.)

As always, we need financial support. If you can think of a company or individual who may have an interest in this event, please pass along the information so they can be contacted.

Thank you for your efforts.

Rick

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