

Lobosco Association Christmas Party
Committee Meeting Minutes of 1/15/09

Attendees:

Clelia De Souter - Michele
Marc DeSouter - Michele
Anthony Lobosco - Luigi
Jerry Lobosco - Rosario
Joe Lobosco - Angelo
Marie Rossitto - Emilio
Gloria Sandilands - Luigi
Dria Stauss - Rosario
Laura Tufano - Angelo

The following committee members were unable to attend this meeting: Mary Lalama, Angelo Lobosco, John Mancinelli & Mary Zanfino (Angelo), Ellie von Bartheld (Attilio), Linda Mallaney (Giuseppina), Rose Marie Eickhoff & Bernadette Lombardi (Luigi), Diana Lobosco (Rosario)

An agenda was distributed to serve as a guideline for discussion purposes.

Party Location/type of dinner/date - the most time-sensitive issue to be settled at this time is to determine where the party is to be held and the date. The group decided the optimal date would be December 13th (the second Sunday of December) and the dinner would be a buffet. It is hoped that by holding the party later than usual would allow for some of the college-age family to attend. After some discussion it was decided that Marie Rossitto would research several venues (Lake Valhalla Club – Montvale, Meat Cutters Hall – Little Falls, The Elks Lodge – Wayne, The Russian Hall – Little Falls). She will address the following during her research:

1. Venue capacity - allow for a minimum of 200 - 225 people; check on the guarantee.
2. Pricing
3. Stage – whether there is one or sufficient space to accommodate an area to be used for a show.
4. Type of catering available; in-house or if outside catering can be brought in.
5. Kitchen facilities

Estimate of attendees – listings of family members sorted by the 7 member families were distributed to each family representative to solicit an estimate of attendees.

Entertainment – it was deemed unnecessary to have a DJ in that it would conflict with mood of the party. Instead, a selection of appropriate background music would be recorded and played at the event. Laura Tufano was charged with researching children's entertainment (face painter, balloon artist). She suggested hiring a photographer at no cost to take pictures. Photos would then be made available for purchase at the

photographer's website. Celeste Mancinelli would be asked to emcee the festivities as she has done in the past. Also, Donald Semeraro would be asked to fill in a "Santa" once again.

Donations – to maximize the number of attendees and keep per person costs at a minimum, it was decided to solicit donations from family members. All donations will specifically be used to offset the cost of the party. Jerry will formulate a letter to be sent out to the family indicating the intent of such a collection. It will be stressed that the Christmas Party is a special occasion commemorating a milestone for the Lobosco Family. Already, donations ranging from \$20 to \$1,000 have been secured.

Family Posters – representatives of each of the 7 families were asked to organize the collection of photos/film for the purpose of making family posters.

Commemorative Keepsake – the group was supportive of the idea.

1. Book – to include photos/stories/anecdotes of the 7 families. At the back of the book a directory of family members would be included. It was suggested that Mary Lalama be contacted to see what would be needed to publish such a book.
2. Christmas ornament – Laura suggested the idea of an ornament that would include mention of the 7 original US siblings. Dria will further research this idea.
3. A calendar and a DVD was also suggested.

Establishment of sub-committees – at some future date, the following sub-committees may be established to ease the workload of any one person:

1. Dinner
2. Tickets
3. Entertainment
4. Donations
5. Photo/film collection
6. Book
7. Commemorative item
8. Publicity

Miscellaneous

1. Dria volunteered to update and maintain the family's website (Lobosco.org) expanding it to include an area which addresses family news.
2. Jerry indicated that he had obtained a Lobosco family crest and will look to see if he still has it. A "logo" representing the family to be used on all correspondence was discussed.
3. Joe volunteered to have copies made of any letters needed and to supply postage.
4. After Marie gathers information re: the various venues, Clelia will forward the information to committee members to make the final decision as to the place and date of the party. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled within the next 4 – 6 weeks.
5. Anthony will contact Scott Kabrel to get pricing information on catering.