

SIS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 5/4/25

The meeting opened with the serenity prayer. All who were present were Jim V, Terry, Charlene, and Marty, and Nyla C.

Nyla C. attempted to give the treasures report, but had a challenge in finding the right copy to share, and it also needed revision, so a revised treasurers report was completed after this meeting, and a copy sent to all committee members.

Nyla C. also shared about checking out a possible bank to move the checking account to that would not charge us any service fees on the account as we had to pay a total of \$20 to Wells Fargo for March and April where the account dipped below the required \$500 amount which helps SIS to avoid the charges. Marty mentioned that First Citizens Bank offers accounts free of fees, so Nyla C. will look into that, and all were in favor of that decision.

Nyla also shared about suggesting a split of \$10 each to intergroup, GSO, and our district from our prudent reserve and all were in favor.

Nyla shared that we needed to seek another means for a PA system for the live music and that possibly Eric and Karen might be willing to bring their own PA as they will be the only music for the 2026 SIS. Jim V. shared that in that case they would be in charge of the sound. Nyla suggested that if they were willing to bring their own sound, that we would offer them some money to compensate for that and all members seemed in favor of that idea. Nyla suggested we can revisit those details as we get closer to the event date to make a final decision.

Nyla shared that she already secured shelters 5 & 6 with Longleaf due to they book out quick and to ensure we have the shelters available when we needed them for SIS 2026.

Nyla also shared that Toni said she was rotating out of co-chair to get speakers for SIS, and would be willing to volunteer where needed for next year. Nyla and Charlene agreed to help get speakers for next year.

Terry has gratefully stepped up to be co-chair to general chair, so Terry is officially the co-chair to general chair for 2026 SIS.

We then opened up the discussion for suggestions and questions from the committee.

Jim V. mentioned that things were suggested to him to have name tags for everybody at the event, that speakers to speak earlier and possibly intermingle the music and the speakers, and to possibly just have one shelter as people share with him that some people felt to spread out in the event.

Terry shared that she got opposite feedback in that some people thought the two shelters were great and appropriate as people were able to fall out into shelter five to have more private discussions and coffee together, as well as extra space to eat.

Nyla shared that one main reason to continue to have both shelters is to ensure anonymity especially when the speakers share that are on microphones under shelter 6. The other reasons were that the event is new and people are just getting to know about it, as well as this past years event fell on Easter weekend and other things were going on that may have hindered a fuller turnout.

Charlene also shared about the name tag idea being a good idea, and also mentioned having yard signs for the walk so people know where to walk, and to have approximately four to six signs needed.

Terry offered to bring an additional table for the walk so that the stepping stone board had its own table.

Charlene suggested that we separate out the amount of money that is collected for the 50-50 raffle to get that specific amount, in addition to any cash contributions, and online contributions.

All members were in favor of the name tags, agreed on us getting additional yard signs to help with directing people for the walk, to further discuss the timing of the speaker and the music at the next meeting, and continue with the two shelters for one more year to see the turnout and keeping up with privacy and anonymity.

Nyla suggested we close, all were in favor and we closed with the serenity prayer.