

Mendocino Coast Mushroom Club
Meeting Notes, May 14, 2018

Attending: Pat, Allison, Gabriella, Sierra, Eric, Skip, Billy, Mario, Marylynn and.....

Pat announced that the November 2017 Mushroom Dinner at Caspar Community Center grossed about \$5,000, which after expenses yielded \$3,500-4,000 net for the Center. This coming November 2018, MCMC wants to host a mushroom dinner independently so that we can realize such good profits. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, at Caspar CC... during the County-wide Mushroom Festival... and those present voted 'Yes' to go forward with it as an MCMC event.

Pat reported the great news that Chef Chad has said 'Yes' to leading the food team again this year. He might have a cookbook to sell by then.

Work needs to be done for PR and other organizing over the summer. Hopefully, Mary-ellen Campbell will lead the PR Committee. Pat asked for helpers for press releases, flyers, posters and such. Zida B will redo the menu again this year and do a digital version as well. There will be photos of Edibles and Dyeing mushrooms for the MCMC website as well as the county brochure. Pat asked for proofreading and copy-editing help from 2-3 people for the brochure.

Pat also asked for someone(s) to vet any edible contributions we receive for the dinner.

Linda Friedman (Moose Cafe emeritus) has volunteered that she'll be willing to set up a professional-style wine tasting as well as suggesting pairings of wine with the food on the menu. Pat sees this as a great opportunity to raise more funds for MCMC.

Pat is working with Sierra Potts at Caspar Community Center.

The rental on Saturday, November 10, is from 10am til 10pm that night. There is an event at CCC on Sun morn, so we may get a discount from the \$650 CCC wants to charge us, due to having less time to wrap up/clean up.

We briefly discussed kitchen/serving help needed... (7 servers?, lots of kitchen help)... and meals saved for the servers and kitchen people (which didn't happen last year cuz they ran out of food).

We feel we can draw a large crowd with the Mushroom Festival publicity as well as our own PR... without depending on the Caspar Pub Night crowd (which will happen Fri, Nov 9, 2018.)

Eric agreed to be a back-up for mushrooms.

Billy volunteered for setup and cleanup.

Skip volunteered for soliciting wine donations.

The Mushroom Festival goes for 10 days with 300-500 events spread over the whole of Mendocino County.

Eric suggested using morel 'scrap' to spread on our burn piles.

Gabriella wondered how to use urchins and not just have them be waste. Eric made Uni-Sake for last years Abalone cook-off.

Allison held a workshop for us... with many different types of mushrooms... so that people could make their own mushroom tea concoctions. She suggested we smell or chew a small piece to make our choices.

Pat suggested pre-selling tickets to the dinner. We voted a unanimous 'Yes'.

submitted by Marylynn Henes