

JACKSONVILLE HISTORICAL NAVAL SHIP ASSOCIATION

- Kurtis is also going to help with developing some sort of placard or card that can be used at the Battle of Midway dinner (see Battle of Midway dinner section of Minutes).

Fund Raiser Progressive Evening on the St Johns River: JHNSA had been planning to hold a "progressive evening event" on the St Johns River to raise funds and awareness for the JHNSA and the ADAMS Naval Ship Museum. The targeted date was June 27, 2009. The sequence of events was to start at River City Brewing, take a water taxi to The Landing for hors d'oeuvres, water taxi to the Cummer for reception, water taxi back to River City Brewing for dancing. Dress would be "Nautical". The event would be attended by attendees who had been contacted by a Host Committee (about 20-40 people on Host Committee). Invitations would be printed by Rick Hartley. Given the target date is only 4 weeks away, and there is insufficient time to properly set up such an event, invite the appropriate people, and get the needed commitments, the group decided to delay this event until the late summer/early fall. Scott Flanders took the responsibility to identify a date that would be appropriate to prevent possible conflicts with other events.

Battle of Midway Dinner, June 6th, hosted by Navy League: The group discussed this upcoming event, and the need to sponsor a table. The following people offered to donate to the JHNSA table (cost of \$1,000.00): John O'Neil (\$200), Jim Aldrich (\$110 - later increased to \$200), Wayne Misener (\$110), Scott Flanders (\$200). Bert Watson to contact Navy League, procure table, and coordinate attendance. Bert will also go to the June 2nd Navy League Board Meeting, to get approval for JHNSA to distribute brochure information being developed by The Kurtis Group.

Jacksonville Landing Display Store Front: The space being donated is currently being used to store various items. These items are to be removed soon. The group discussed the draft proposal from Bob Branco regarding how to lay out the area. It was decided to use the draft layout as a starting point for this JHNSA area. Next discussed was the initial operating hours. It was decided that the area should be open from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM initially. Wayne Misener is to contact Richard Harmon, Jim Donaldson, and Mario Gottuso (who had previously volunteered to help set up The Jacksonville Landing area), and enlist their immediate development of a plan to "set up" the area (per the approved layout), and develop a "manning" program so that the area is manned when open. Also discussed was the need to properly train all the people manning the JHNSA area so that they are able to address the JHNSA/ADAMS Naval Ship Museum objectives with visitors, and get interested individuals to sign up as volunteers, or contribute financially to the project.

4th of July: Bert Watson made the comment that JHNSA needs to start serious planning for participation in coming events about 6 months prior to the event. Currently, we're missing out on too many opportunities.

Initial Berthing of ADAMS: The possibility of initially berthing ADAMS in some area other than the South Bank/Acosta Bridge location was discussed as a way to accelerate the establishment of the Naval Ship Museum. Final berth would be South Bank/Acosta Bridge.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 16th at The JAX Landing display area.

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