

SABR Research Committee Meeting Notes
September 9, 2019

Fall Chapter Meeting

We have a full slate of presentations now – along with the three already approved, Bob Tholkes's proposal (Time of Game in the Amateur Era 1845 – 1865) and Jim Cox's proposal (a conversation with guests from the Coon Rapids Andover Little League team) were approved at the meeting. Jim suggested we allow our guests from the Little League team to join us for lunch without paying, Dave said we could allocate up to \$100 for pizza for them. Jim will suggest last presentation slot before lunch so kids do not have to sit around all morning.

19th Century Symposium

Dave will ask Howard to be the timer for symposium.

Speakers

Bob will contact speakers next week to find out about any time constraints they may have and then suggest a speaker schedule, he will also confirm specific titles for their presentations. Committee confirmed all speakers have to pay a registration fee except Larry Millett. Brian will send rules about authors selling books at conference to Bob and Brenda.

Registration

Dave and Bob will sit at registration table. 15 people have registered as of September 4, along with 12 people for the Friday night event. Stew will cancel the room at Stub and Herb's as we need 40 people to secure that space, he will contact Tom about possibly meeting at Bunny's on Friday. Looking for a space for a gathering on Saturday night after the conference, possibly somewhere downtown? Stew will also contact the SABR board in town for their board meeting and invite them to the evening events. Dave will do name tags.

Publicity

Brian sent email to historical societies and libraries asking them to promote conference. Jim will contact regional newspapers and MN Spokesman Recorder about Frank White's presentation. Sarah contacted the Saints who will include it in an e-blast, wrote an article for Twins Daily which will be bumped to the front page on a Twins off day and contacted the editor at City Pages who added it to their calendar and said she would try to include it in their fall arts preview section. Brenda will send list of regional SABR chapters to Dave so he can invite them personally to symposium. Gene is in contact with Curt Brown from Star Tribune.

Displays

Jim met with Bailey at library who is coordinating displays based on what we have provided and she will keep us posted if we need high resolution photos and what the cost for those would be. Brenda recommended early October to confirm high resolution as it often takes a couple of weeks for processing time. Bailey will send a list of photos and captions for Bob and Jim to proof for the display.

Program

Gene shared a rough draft of program that library will finalize and print.

Spread of Baseball Banner

Brenda shared mockup of the spread of baseball banner, she will work with Rich to confirm specific locations of towns and approve second draft with Allegra.

Old Business

Sarah shared info from history day coordinator about potentially having SABR sponsor a baseball related topical prize at state history day in 2020 – the coordinator recommended \$150 prize to both junior and senior level (\$300 total) as well as providing 2-3 judges to review exhibits. Sarah will look into educational opportunities for SABR and contact history day coordinator to see if we would be able to promote them to history day participants. Stew will include additional games for the memorable games at Met