



MEETING MINUTES

USS Republic NCC-1371

Sunday, July 16, 2006

The July 16, 2006, meeting of the *USS Republic* was a member recruitment event executed as an outdoor barbecue and episode viewing of *Star Trek: New Voyages* held at The Stage Door Bar & Grill in Tucker, Georgia. In attendance were Commanding Officer Eric L. Watts; Executive Officer Michael Henigan, SFI/*Republic* members Marq Collins and Tonya L. Spanks; and Friends of the *Republic* Donna Collins, Bill & Marjan Peltier and Kenny & Elisa Roper.

Marq, Donna, Bill, Marjan, Kenny and Elisa arrived at the Stage Door around 1:00. Eric, Michael and Tonya arrived a short while later, unaware that the bar was already open to the public (they were at a fast-food restaurant across the street attempting to contact bar owner Bryon Noel by phone, who had previously agreed to open the bar at 1:00, two hours earlier than regular business hours). Despite this minor stumble in getting started, the barbecue grill was quickly set up and fired up, barbecue food and many side dishes were brought in and spread out, and the party got underway. While Eric played grill chef with hamburgers and hot dogs, Michael helped prepare the hamburger sides (lettuce, tomatoes, onions, etc.), Tonya helped uncover and set out the side dishes, and Marq and Donna helped set up the food line. In addition to the grilled food, the many side dishes included a pasta salad, potato salad, cole slaw, potato chips, Oreo cookies and Donna's delicious and highly popular dessert she called "Gowron's Revenge." Tonya promised to include the recipe in the next edition of *Republic's* Starfleet Kitchen Recipe Book on CD. There was more than enough food for everyone and a great time was had by all!

After everyone had their fill of this wonderful lunch, we moved into the Stage Door's back room to watch "In Harm's Way," the first episode of *Star Trek: New Voyages*, a fan-produced series available exclusively on the Internet which boasts Eugene Roddenberry, Jr. as a consulting producer. After the viewing, everyone agreed that this film was very well done and looks forward to meeting the four lead actors (playing Capt. Kirk, Mr. Spock, Dr. McCoy and Mr. Scott) at this year's Dragon*Con. Additional episodes are currently in production and Eric informed the crew that he has been promised a part in an upcoming episode based on David Gerrold's original script, "Blood and Fire," by one of the series' producers, Carlos Pedraza, who will also be at this year's Dragon*Con.

As the time approached 6:00 following a short but lively discussion of the episode, the *Republic's* time at the Stage Door was nearly up, with an audience for the bar's evening entertainment beginning to arrive. Everyone agreed that this was a great event. Many thanks to everyone who came and who brought food, as well as to Stage Door bar owner/manager Bryon Noel for opening his establishment up to us two hours early on short notice. Photos of this event have been posted to the *Republic's* web site at <http://members.aol.com/ussrepublic/photogallery.htm#NewVoyagesBBQ>.

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These meeting minutes transcribed and submitted by Marq Collins; revised and appended by Eric L. Watts.