

MEETING MINUTES

USS Republic NCC-1371

Saturday, August 19, 2006

The USS *Republic*'s primary activity for the month of August 2006 was a "*Star Trek* 40th Anniversary Extravaganza" cosponsored with the IKAV *Nemesis* of Lawrenceville, Georgia, held on Saturday the 19th at the Galactic Quest comic book store in Buford,

Georgia. The event was planned as a fundraiser for the Klingon Assault Group's room party at Dragon*Con and as a member recruitment event for the *Republic*. The *Republic* and the *Nemesis* have hosted a number of joint events in the past, have several mutual members and consider themselves to be "sister" ships between SFI and KAG.

Republic/Nemesis member (Ens) Theresa Parker and her husband, Nemesis CO Kevin Parker, arrived around 11:00 a.m. to start setting up the event. Republic XO Mike Henigan, FCapt Tonya Spanks, Nemesis member Angela Tebbe and Republic/Nemesis member (Ens) Marq Collins arrived shortly thereafter and helped set up a registration and merchandise table in front of the store, a barbecue grill and food table across the parking lot, and a refreshment and recruitment table inside the store. Additional Republic members who attended include CO Eric L. Watts and (Ens) Susan Rey, as well as KAG's Dark Phoenix Quadrant Commander Tony Roberts.

People came in steadily throughout the day enjoying the show, venue and just chatting with us. In addition to some delicious hamburgers, hot dogs and Tonya's fabulous cake, we had raffles, trivia contests and a Kirk impersonation contest and gave away lots of prizes. The barbecue was closed around 8:00 p.m. and everyone there watched "Star Trek: First Contact" on the store's indoor movie screen. At the end of the evening, the event was declared an overall success and both groups were invited back by the owner of Galactic Quest for a future event.

Photos of the event have been posted to the Republic's web site at www.members.aol.com/ussrepublic/photogallery.htm.

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