

**St. Stephen's Church Parish Life committee meeting  
Notes from Tuesday, January 08, 2013**

Attending: Cindie Baker, Annie Hawkins, Bill Hawkins, Fr. Guy Hawtin, Dick Huffman, Priscilla Huffman, Judy Kight, Ellen Reather, Happy Riley, Don Ruthig, Stephanie Verhage

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm – acknowledgement of Stephanie Verhage's outstanding years of service

Meeting schedule

- The committee approved moving the regular meetings from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday of the month.
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> meeting falls on Shrove Tuesday – possibly will skip February meeting or change to another date
- Have one potluck dinner meeting during the year – no date set

Upcoming events calendar for the year

- **Shrove Tuesday pancake supper – Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.**
  - English pancakes – Bill
  - Sausages – Don and Karen
  - Skip – need to check if he will do pancakes – Priscilla will call
  - Ellen – cook pancakes
  - Martha and Annie - shopping
  
- **Lenten Bible study – Wednesday evenings: Feb 20, Feb 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, 2013**
  - Fr. Guy to lead a discussion on the development of the Prayer Book
  - Soup and bread to be served:
    - Feb 20 – Brice
    - Feb 27 – Annie and Bill
    - March 6 – Charlotte
    - March 13 – Priscilla and Dick
    - March 20 – Judy and Ellen
  
- **Garden Party – Saturday, May 4, 2013**
  - All our thanks to Donna Szper for great past management of Garden Party and Cookie Walk – going forward, management team will need to be formed
    - Don to build maypole and three game wheels
    - New pub booth to be built
    - Need sound system for maypole music/dancers?
    - Fr. Guy to approach Steve Heaver re: antique cars
    - Stephanie to coordinate cake table – will offer ½ cake, brownies but no cookies
    - Raspberry tarts at tea, for sale – Tart team: Ellen, Cindie, Annie, Happy, Judy, Priscilla
    - Do mailing for garden party
    - Notices in Towson Times – Dick will do
  
- **Silly Summer Suppers – Thursdays at 5:30 pm , June 20 – September 19, 2013**
  - Sign-up sheet will be available – can sign up for one portion of dinner or entire dinner
  
- **Church Picnic/ Pool party – Sunday Sept 8, 2013**
  - To be held again at Ellen Reather's
  
- **Cookie Walk – Saturday, Dec 7, 2013**
  - Healthy recipe cookbook to be produced – publicize early this year

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- Second Hand Rose sale was held this year held specifically to raise funds for church playground  
– will not be an annual event – possibly have an auction later in the year

2012 Cookie Walk debrief

- \$9,693.48 net - best year ever – not sure of contributing factors
- Attendance seemed lower – perhaps because of early Dec date?
- Charge card good idea
- Jellies, soup, peanut brittle did not sell as well as usual
- More wreaths and arrangements for next year
- Set up in front hall was good – don't add sale tables next year- leave as is
- Silent auction knitted items well displayed
- \$2,000 donated to Joseph Richey from silent auction sales
- Is there a way to showcase madrigal singers better?
- Mailing – do again
- Good feedback from people exiting the event
- Basket of cheer – ticket sales to do not cover cost – suggestion to have individuals sign up to donate specific basket of cheer items from a list
- Other baskets did well – contents were donated
- Volunteers – sign up ahead of time for cookie walk
- Colby's decorations – good reviews!
- Have Colby review pricing on re-gifting table items next year

Committee budget

- Committee agreed to donate \$12,000 to church
- Bill requested one donation in June/July and another in September rather than every month

Communications

- Put summary of minutes in newsletter – deadline Tues, Jan 15 – Priscilla will do
- Recommendation to put calendar of events on web site – Bill will let Peter know

Playground project update

- Martha Miller has spearheaded project
- Second Hand Rose sale netted \$2,100 for playground fund
- Projected costs not determined at this point
- Friend of Colby's will advise – used to work for playground installation company

Church directory

- Worshippers can request a copy from Annie or Bill

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

*If you have any corrections or additions, please let Dick Huffman know at [hufdad@comcast.net](mailto:hufdad@comcast.net) and we will pass it on.*