

**St. Stephen's Church Parish Life committee meeting**  
**Notes from Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

**Pancake supper – feedback, comments**

- Approximately 60 attendees
- \$68.87 net profit
- Well-organized
- More turkey sausage next year

**St. Patrick's dinner March 16 – final plans**

- Don did event shopping
  - Six corned beef, cabbage, potatoes
  - Ice cream dessert with Crème de Menthe or Kahlua
- Beer keg – have to purchase ½ which is too much – will have bottles of Harp (3 cases) and Guinness (1 case) – Ellen will purchase Saturday morning
- Some wine should be available as well
- Plan for 50 attendees
- Soda is at church, lemonade mix in kitchen
- Karen has offered to make three loaves of Irish soda bread
- Happy to purchase two loaves of soda bread
- Tables will be set up Thursday – 6 rounds = seating for 48/two long tables
- We have cutlery, plates
- Decorations – dollar store green napkins?
- Dick to bring meat slicer/3:00 p.m. Saturday/slice ahead, keep warm
- Check sterno supply
- Beer will be in coolers
- Don will bring sound system/Ellen to check if she has Irish ballad CD's
- Adric may play? Charlotte has Irish song book/will make some copies of songs

**Garden Party update**

- Bill provided updated timeline
- Cindie received check from Daughters of the British Empire
- Annie will review with Happy how to contact Red Cross to have a station at the party
- Fr. Guy to call contact re: fire engine/John Z may bring his car
- PA system – Don purchased new speakers for \$160 from Craig's list
- Advertising
  - Request for advertising completed/In process of contacting sponsors
  - Mailer – semi poster on one side and lots of words on the other side/to be printed in April
  - Charlotte will make this year's copy and send to Priscilla
  - Donna has received labels/meeting with Priscilla and Dick March 21
  - Mailer will be printed in April
  - Over 5,000 labels
  - Times will not be included in the mailer/ will be on poster
  - Poster needs to be created/distributed
- Event day schedule needs to be finalized
- John Filkins has been invited/Staying with Wiley and Colby
- **Jumble table** – need to advertise in church service announcements/Don put request in this week's newsletter
- **Plants** – Charlotte will go to White House the Saturday before and buy plants/Will have some flowers and vines in addition to herbs

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- **Flower show** – decision on theme: “All Things British” /Priscilla will contact friend to suggest a judge for the competition
- Don has completed making the three wheels and the maypole
- **Bouncy castle** has been ordered – Don will take truck Friday afternoon, return on Monday
- **Bobby's Potties** has been paid
- **Signs** – we have 25 signs from Cookie Walk/banner is in the attic
- **MC** – Dan Bursi has agreed to be our Master of Ceremonies - need to write scripts
- **Hot dog stand** – Reta Richardson and Bill Clark will staff booth/Priscilla to confirm/need to find two relief volunteers for hot dog stand
- **Bake table**
  - ½ and ¼ cakes will be offered
  - Brownies available
  - Raspberry crowns to be sold at \$1.00 ea
  - Bake session for tarts at Cindie Baker's Wed, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Looking for ½ cake containers
  - Would like to have items the day before
- **Request for outside vendor** – Sara asked if a friend could sell watercolor notecards, possibly including some of the church. A few dollars of the sale would go to the church. Point was made that GP visitors assume they are making a contribution directly to the church when they make a purchase at the Garden Party. Perhaps church could purchase boxes of cards for ½ price and resell? Priscilla will get a sample from Sara and discuss options.
  - **Booth for pictures** - Priscilla to ask Donna for name and number of contact for picture table – part of the Daughters of the British Empire – has been ill for past few years – check to see if she will participate this year
  - **Tea Room** – Martha and Priscilla to meet with Rosa
  - What has been the range of gross income over the last several years? \$1,000 - \$4,200
  - Dick asked about whether can could identify earning opportunities at the various booths – will talk offline with Cindie
  - Insurance – should we have rainy day insurance? Dick offered to call his insurance broker and get a quote
  - **Credit cards** – will have at jumble table and tea room - Don will be sure we have two working squares

**Lenten bible study** – Two more sessions – Wed, March 13 (soup provided by Dick and Priscilla) and Wed, March 20 (soup provided by Judy and Ellen)

**Jacobs well**

- Donations have increased recently
- Newsletter will include a reminder before the first Sunday of the month
- Judy told Don Jacob's Well was very appreciative of quantity in last donation trip

Next Parish Life meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.