

**St. Stephen's Church Parish Life committee meeting
Notes from Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

In attendance:

Cindie Baker, Annie Hawkins, Bill Hawkins, Colby Hawks, Charlotte Hawtin, Fr. Guy Hawtin, Priscilla Huffman, Dick Huffman, John Karlsen, Judy Kight, Ellen Reather, Happy Riley, Don Ruthig, Stephanie Verhage

Garden Party revenue

Gross sales = \$8,459, Expenses \$5,500, Total net income = \$2,959

(Gross includes sales in addition to below):

Tea room	1,331.00
Jumble	1,350.98
Pub Grub	581.10
Pub	431.00
Bake sale	544.50
Books	173.70
Flowers & Herbs	341.00
Crafts	363.50
Wine Wheel	232.50
Hot dogs	20.00
Tickets (Children, Bottle wheel, Candy wheel)	943.50

Additional costs this year – construction, audio speakers

Food was \$250 more this year

Entertainment costs were \$650

Beer and wine costs \$497

Porta-potty and Castle – same as last year

Permits \$104 – slight increase this year

Garden Party feedback

These are additional comments made at the meeting – many other e-mails and comments have been recorded as well – appreciation expressed to everyone who submitted ideas and feedback as well as those who volunteered time in setting up and day of event

- Layout – put ticket booth between children's area and hot dogs
- Three people at all times for each shift of 2 ½ hours
- Offer from clergy to help if needed
- More pies at the bake table – they could be frozen – small pies would sell

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- Need more volunteers to make pies
- Raspberry crowns – could use more next year – good quality jam was a plus – packaging beautiful
- Next year we can lead maypole dancing – consider not re-engaging Folk Music Society
- Colby's sister is choreographer – she could come ahead of time and teach us the dances
- Signage for booths should be larger
- Delete wording on mailer requesting return service
- Article in Towson Times – good exposure for church
- Consignment - Priscilla will contact Judy Bond regarding payment to her for her consignment pieces, and disposition of other items that did not sell
- Do similar flyer for Cookie Walk – very appealing graphics
- Announcer could use scripts – Need list with more details for each event
- John enjoyed being the Bobbie – Backup needed
- Giant tea cup was excellent prop - if we can get next year, move to more prominent area
- Purchase more “no parking” flags
- Extend Handicapped parking to whole row of spaces on that side of church
- Better signage at overflow parking – maybe another Bobbie at intersection?
- Invocation – people commented on importance at start of event
- Jumble – no particle board furniture – no one wants
- Should swap cake table and jumble table – sun was shining in purchasers' eyes for jumble
- Don thinks we may have another large tent which would give us a double tent for jumble
- Book area – very congested – books could be on one side or farther to the side – walkway needs to be widened - Could we move books onto the grass?
- Put books on sawhorses – sturdier
- Ploughman's lunches – no more than 25 - wraps sold well – put Pub Grub closer to pub – Scotch eggs or pickled eggs?
- Tea room – needs a committee unto itself – needs more staff
- Tea room – some discussion on charging more? – decision made to leave at \$10.00
- Sample display of tea offerings – do again – very attractive

Presents for graduating high school seniors

- Seniors are Annie Cobb, Johnnie Novicki, Emily Miller, Natalie Miller
- Will be presented at May 26th service
- Martha Miller is purchasing gifts
- Stephanie has e-mailed an invitation to Annie Cobb – will deliver gift if Annie cannot attend
- Suggested that Brock would be appropriate to distribute

Bishop's visit June 9

- Bishop John Vaughan will be conducting a special service for the ordination of deacons Michael Belt and John Novicki at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9 at St. Stephen's
- Reception to follow at home of Colby and Wiley Hawks

Silly Summer Suppers

- Thursday, June 20 through Thursday, September 19 – total of 14 suppers
- June 20 will be Barbeque to coincide with summer solstice

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- Sign-up sheet to be made – Priscilla will ask Adric to create
- June 27 – Annie and Charlotte
- July 25 – Ellen and Judy
- Prices will remain the same: Wine \$3.00 or two for \$5.00, dinner \$10.00
- Inventory of plates and cutlery needs to be checked

Meals for the Richardson's

- Brice and Reta Richardson were involved in a car accident
- Happy suggested dinners be provided for a few weeks – Mon, Wed, Fri
- Meals could be delivered to their home or brought to the church (except Monday – no one at church)
- In lieu of preparing meals, precooked food or a store card could be donated

Church picnic – Sunday, Sept 8th

- Pool will be open
- Set up day will be Sat, Sept 7th
- Save the date will be announced in newsletter
- Potluck – Last name A-M bring side dishes or salad, N-Z bring desserts
- BYOB – but church bought beer last year
- FYI - Monday Sept 2 is Labor Day

Healthy eating cookbook for Cookie Walk

- Peter Threadgill coordinating
- Fr. Guy already has several recipes from Elizabeth
- Peter has researched food nutritional guidelines, and is preparing a more user-friendly version

Jacob's Well

- Donations continue to be very generous
- John Karlsen offered to take donations to Jacob's Well location – John will meet Happy at church 9:00 p.m. Thursday – Happy will review what to take
- Suggestion that large basket be left under font on first Sunday for collecting items

Vestry meeting

- In June, the church vestry meeting will be the last Wednesday of the month

Upcoming meetings for Parish Life

- Tuesday, June 11
- Tuesday, July 9