

St. Stephen's Church Parish Life committee meeting
Notes from Tuesday, July 9, 2013
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Attending: Don Ruthig, Charlotte Hawtin, Fr. Guy Hawtin, Cindie Baker, Happy Riley, Annie Hawkins, Dick Huffman, Priscilla Huffman, Carolyn Kerouac, Judy Kight, Sara Douglas, Paul Douglas

Silly Summer Suppers

- Beginning with the July 18th supper, the start time will be changed to 6:30 p.m. Many favorable comments were received at the last dinner regarding the later time.
- There were 60 attendees at the July 3 dinner with receipts over \$700
- Servings from the vegetarian entrée will be available in the kitchen, with the balance of the dish to be served in the main dining area
- The church will provide disposable baking pans for those preparing meals – available in the church kitchen
- Announce available dates for sign up at dinner on the 11th
- Don will switch doing dinner from August 15th to July 18th. Open dates now are August 15th, August 22nd and September 12th

Church picnic – Sunday, September 8, 2013

- Ellen Reather's home/Start time 1:00 p.m.
- Announcements will be made in newsletter and in Sunday morning church announcements
- Parish Life provides hamburgers, Italian sausages, beverages
- Congregation brings sides/salads (first half of alphabet by last name) and desserts (last half of alphabet)
- Pool will be open

Healthy recipe cookbook

- Additional promotional flyer to be distributed after services - 8:00 a.m. (Happy Riley), 9:15 a.m. (Priscilla and Dick Huffman), 11:15 a.m. (Don and Karen Ruthig)
- Smaller flyer to be available at summer suppers, inserted in bulletins in a few weeks

Jacob's Well

- Question had been raised at the last meeting about best sizes of containers – large or small? Both are needed; some suppers are larger shared suppers once a month, and during the week residents eat in their rooms
- Mission of Jacob's Well is to minister to and aid the homeless mentally ill and provide them with apartments, as well as counseling – located on 25th St
- Blankets are constantly needed as well as food and cleaning supplies
- Fr. Guy offered to write up pamphlet describing the church's various missions
- Discussed the need for assistance for elderly as well as mentally ill - Elderly, especially in assisted living and skilled nursing centers, need advocates when no family members are available

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- Fr. Guy will contact Jacob's Well to invite someone from current management to set up display at Cookie Walk – can solicit donations such as “bed night”- a \$20 donation covering costs for one person/one night
- Suggestion that large wicker basket always be put out by front for first Sunday of month – someone from knitting group could put out on Thursday
- We should purchase an additional large basket at Michael's with a 40% off coupon – if anyone has a coupon, please leave it in the Huffman's church mailbox

Additional fundraiser

- Decision was made to hold an auction in late February or early March
- Tickets will be sold for \$15
- Will include an upscale meal
- Donated items to be auctioned can include services (for example, homemade dessert every month for a year), weekend at a vacation condo, concert tickets, etc. as well as valuables.
- Need about 30 items
- Black tie optional?
- Need to invite outside congregation/signs, mailing, etc.
- Brochure will be produced describing auction items

Men and Boys Choir recruitment

- Suggestions for choir recruitment were discussed
- Contacts mentioned for St. Paul's, Peabody
- Noted that with sports and other activities competing for time, it's difficult for parents to make a commitment for every Sunday and especially holidays
- Don suggested contacting AGO members
- Perhaps revisit idea of a Mays Chapel Boy choir – separate from the church choir

Garden Party follow-up

Carolyn Kerouac has volunteered to assist in cost planning for next year.

Next meeting

- There will be no Parish Life meeting in August.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, 2013
- Since the church picnic falls before the next meeting, a planning session will be held following one of the summer suppers in August

Priscilla Huffman
July 10, 2013