

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Minutes from Meeting Tues., Dec. 5, 2023 at 6 p.m. (with revisions)

Those present: Tammy Aaron, Bev Abeles, Peg Brown, Tammy Martinez, Bob Rauth, Susan Rauth, Betty Markle

Business at hand – INVITE OTHERS TO SERVE ...

1. **COFFEE HOURS** – We discussed ways to encourage more people to sign up to host for this important time of fellowship.
 - a. Tammy Martinez will add announcement to bulletin to host Coffee Hour on Sunday, Dec. 31. Volunteers are needed.
 - b. We might suggest Theme Sundays with an open invitation for people to bring on “Brownies Sunday” ; or Doughnut Sunday; or Coffee Cake Sunday, etc.) & see what comes in. ETC. Discussion to be ongoing.

2. **OMA’s GERMAN DINNER** net proceeds totaled \$4,700 (updated after vestry mtg with donations). Bill Abeles, Jr. is coordinating a time when check can be presented to Kevin Simmers, Director of Brooke’s House (Fri., Dec. 8 @ 10:15 am, Coffee & Choc Shop, South End Shopping Center).

3. **ST. NICHOLAS DAY FAIR – Sunday, Dec. 3**
 - a. Peg Brown coordinated a large Bake Sale enjoyed by all. (Raised \$508)
 - b. Rebecca Connor prepared Cookie Decorating table & Mary Lou Brooks prepared a nice craft as well.
 - c. Parish Life prepared lunch. (Cleared \$249, after expenses of \$143)
 - d. “St. Nicholas” was unable to attend this year due to a recent ankle injury.
 - e. All monies raised are going to support Parish Life efforts for this year.

4. **DEC. 26 - HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR COORDINATED BY HARC, 3-7 PM**
 - a. Welcoming Commission is coordinating this activity on behalf of St. John’s;
 - b. Please call Bruce Massey for cookie donations (240-675-4498), etc.

5. **JAN. 5 – Nine Lessons & Carols Christmas Service - 7 PM**
 - a. PL will host a reception after the service on 12th Night Celebration, as indicated in December Soundings
 1. Appetizers, cheese dips (Susan & Betty), fruits, cranberry orange bread, other sweets & hot mulled cranberry punch.
 2. We could put out a sign-up sheet for this or ask a few people for donations of food!

6. **JAN. 28 – ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON**
 - a. PL will make Homemade Soup
 - b. We should put out a sign up for Loaves of Bread made into Sandwiches

7. **JAN. 28 – LAUNCH RAFFLE FOR “SWEET OF THE MONTH” – Bev Abeles**

- a. Sales begin Jan. 28 and end on Palm Sunday, March 24
- b. Bakers & Homemade desserts will be decided upon ahead of sales.
- c. The tickets will be sold for \$20 each to receive 12 desserts throughout the year.
- d. The winning ticket will be drawn at Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday.
- e. Sales will be open to the public – Everyone can sell tickets to others outside of St. John's as well.
- f. Specified desserts should be here on 2nd Sunday of each month for winner, beginning April, 2024.
- g. The proceeds of this event will be discussed & benefactor determined before tickets are made up.

8. FEB. 4 – CHILI COOK-OFF – Peg Brown

- a. Boy Scout Sunday also

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

1. **ALL COMMISSIONS ARE ASKED TO MEET OR BE REPRESENTED ON COMMISSION NIGHT**
(TYPICALLY, 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM, EXCEPT FOR STEWARDSHIP B/C MO
END RPTS ARE UNAVAILABLE THAT SOON).
2. **SET OUT DONATION BASKETS FOR ORDINARY RECEPTIONS, ETC. – COFFEE HOURS**