

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Minutes for Meeting FEB 7, 2024 at 6 p.m.

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

Business at hand – INVITE OTHERS TO SERVE ... (Esther Stanton will join us – loves to cook.)

1. **COFFEE HOURS** – Tammy Martinez
 - a. Volunteers are needed.
 - b. Going to offer Theme Sundays to encourage better participation.

2. **JAN. 28 – ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON**
 - a. PL made Homemade Soup & asked for sandwiches from parishioners (sign up).
 - b. Formed teams to serve coffee and soup to tables.
 - c. Seemed to go fairly smoothly and quicker than other ways served previously.

3. **JAN. 28 – LAUNCHED RAFFLE FOR “SWEET OF THE MONTH”** –
 - a. Sales began Jan. 28 and will end on Palm Sun., Mar. 24 (300 tickets printed)
 - b. Bakers & Homemade desserts determined ahead of sales.
 - c. Tickets selling for \$20 each.
 - d. Sales will be open to the public – Hoping parishioners will sell tickets to others outside of St. John’s as well.
 - e. The winning ticket will be drawn at Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday by the Bishop.
 - f. Specified desserts should be here on 2nd Sunday of each month for winner, beginning April, 2024.
 - g. A portion of proceeds will go to St. John’s Family Shelter and the remaining toward new cabinets for church kitchen.
 - h. Sales going well so far.

4. **FEB. 4 – CHILI COOK-OFF – Peg Brown**
 - a. Trophy, metals for winners; placemats; 3 judges (Allan M; Mary Lou B; Pieter B) - individual judging in cup in front of chili pots;
 - b. Approx a dozen parishioners provided Chili! Everyone had real good time!
 - c. We should consider using labels to show ingredients in future, such as meats used.

5. **TUES., FEB. 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 4-7 PM**
 - a. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Apple Sauce, Juice & Coffee. Decorations Set Up Planning; Eggs donated by Will & Florence Forbes; Sausage (Hoffman Meats); Helpers for this event: Tammy A., Peg B., Brian & Bonnie Connolly, Tammy M., Missy M., Bob & Susan R, Betty M.

6. **NEW IDEA! "LUNCH WITH FRIENDS" – Date to be determined, 12:30 PM**
 - a. A way to connect our congregation during the week for a simple lunch together and conversation. Ask for reservations to plan meal & \$5 donation.

 - c. Our discussion led us to realize that we need to focus on taking better care of who we are as a congregation right now. We have a lot of people among us who we feel could

benefit by having more time together just to talk and visit with one another – maybe play bingo or cards or nothing???

NOTE/THOUGHT: The \$5 would make a commitment & could cover the main entree or if we played bingo...say 6 games and cover cost of small prizes: box of tissues or tissues for purse; box of tea; box of cookies; hand lotion; soft soap; plant (i.e. violet) -- small items of use or whatever. Or this could be something we do after the lunch idea catches on...perhaps.

7. SAT., MARCH 30 – THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL SERVICE & RECEPTION

- a. Service @ 7 PM
- b. Reception following service.
- c. All Episcopal churches in region to be invited.
- d. More information forthcoming.

8. RETIREMENT PARTY FOR MELONIE ORR, OUR FRIEND & PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

- a. Date to be determined (Retirement, end of April, 2024)

9. MAY 11, 8 AM – 2 PM: YARD SALE CONSIDERED

- a. Need to check out plans for unsold items
- b. Need to announce in March Soundings for people to donate items
- c. Prepare as in 2022: Open kitchen, no clothes, most sales in Trimble Hall.
- d. Accept goods immediately and price items as received.
- e. Get Signs made – set out at least 2 weeks ahead.
- f. Proceeds to go for Kitchen Cabinets

10. SAT., JUNE 8 - HARC Walk Luncheon – prepare lunch for 150 people

- a. Pulled Chicken - Vegetarian Beans – Cole Slaw; Fruit & Veggie Trays
- b. Food to be transported to Shepherd Springs on Sat., June 8 by 9:30 or 10 am.
- c. Could provide funds toward our cabinets.
- d. More details coming if we have commitment to do this.
- e. Deacon Sue will help us prepare food.

11. ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

- a. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- b. Possibly inviting area Episcopal churches as discussed at Bishop's Listening Session

12. KITCHEN CABINET DISCUSSION

- a. Bob R thought basic cabinets desired would cost between \$20,000 - \$25,000.
- b. We'll have additional storage capacity with new construction.
- c. Bob will prepare a basic design that can be tweaked with other ideas.
- d. Other Fundraiser ideas to be discussed at next meeting.