

Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

## Fun Fest 2023 Wrap-Up Meeting

In attendance: Adam Valchovic, Jennifer Connolly, David Connolly, Ron Zimmerman, Tricia Tauss, Kelly Galea, Mia Franko, Stephanie Long, Patty Franco, Anne Marie Trojan, Ann Simonson, Dan Miller, Michele Miller, and Lynne Rubscha

Meeting began at 6:45 pm with prayer (better late than never! – Fr. Matt arrived at the wrong church).

- i. Opening comments by Fr. Matt
- ii. Jen & David Connolly: Sausage and pepper tent. Last year sold out too quickly. This year - sold 90 sandwiches during the course of the afternoon. 100 sandwiches is the right number. Helpful to have Richard Crane and Chris Nunn provide assistance. Extra onions and peppers were donated to Friday's Table. One idea could be to donate some of the extra onions and peppers to the hamburger and hot dog stand.
- iii. Men's Group – Ron Zimmerman – Had good help from both parishes – seven to eight gentlemen assisted. Leftover hamburgers and hotdogs can be used at upcoming linked parish picnic on September 10<sup>th</sup> at Concordia Club.
- iv. Food ticket sales were up from last year. Attendance was more spread out throughout the afternoon compared to last year. Discussion ensued over having a second ticket booth – perhaps the breezeway. Have two locations for both sets of tickets.
- v. Final financial tally: food and game profit of \$1, 242.77  
Raffle profit - \$4, 695.00

Since the raffle ticket profit was down compared to last year, it was suggested to send 25 ticket bundles to households instead of 20 to make up for difference in raffle profit from last year.

- vi. Rosary Society – Tricia Tauss: Pre-sold 35 copies of the linked parish cookbook at the Fest, donated leftover food samples (from cookbook as well as bake sale items) to the group home (Berkshire Farms).
- vii. Bake Sale was successful (Ron Z). All kinds of tasty stuff. \$384 in sales. Part of the increase of overall sales.
- viii. Kelly Galea – Drinks. Look into simplifying iced tea menu from sweet tea and unsweetened tea to just unsweetened tea as well as lemonade. 15 sweet tea sold, 25 (unsweetened) regular tea sold, 35 lemonade sold, 120 soda sold, 120 water sold. Look into cans of lemonade instead of “on draft” (pitchers). That would eliminate the complaints with the tiny cups and needing to mix beverages.
- ix. Mia - Popcorn tent worked out well. Festival might have been too long (do we really need five hours?). Consider just three hours “run time.” Need to have more volunteer depth for tables/booths. Booth leaders should recruit volunteer depth for their own table/booth. Recruit additional help with youth. Need a point person. Sheriff Franko will hold people accountable. 😊
- x. Stephanie Long – Pastry table was profitable but there is room for improvement in regards to choosing the correct size pastries that will sell at an effective rate. Baked sale goods eliminated some of the profits due to the discrepancy in prices (baked goods less expensive for patrons to purchase). Discussion on whether or not to put pastries in a cooler location to keep the product fresh without taxing the volunteers in needing to get lots of ice. Could we have small take-out containers available for customers to purchase one or two pastries (i.e. Friday’s Table salad containers).
- xi. Suggestion made to put baked goods next to the popcorn table. It could help alleviate competition with the pastry sales and some baked goods (cookies) could be a prize like popcorn is.
- xii. Patty Franco – Pizza sales were very good. Plenty of help available. Stuffed pizzas were baked downstairs. Need to revisit stuffed option due

- to the “steps” required by volunteers as well as potential availability (or lack thereof) of cheese next year (most of the cheese used was left over from a March Friday Pizza Sale). Price could be reset to the prior amount (\$8 instead of \$6). Also agreed that the fest was too long.
- xiii. Anne Marie T – Gave away lots of prizes. One boy won around 30 prizes! Children had a lot of fun.
  - xiv. Ann Simonson – thought that the older kids would want colored pencils but they were left over. Stuffed animals were a hit. Same with squishy toys. Suggestion – stuffies could be only won “by spinning the wheel.” Another suggestion – ask for stuffy donations from parishioners earlier in the year.

Clean-up : Could each table/booth point person provide at least one clean-up person stay behind and lend a hand? Clean-up crew needs more assistance.

Have another volunteer in the dunk tank to relieve Fr. Matt from time to time? Yes!

- xv. Lynne R – Went to pick up ice cream a few days in advance. The Stewart’s employees were not exactly clued in to the availability of the donation at first. Lol. Need to find ways to keep the ice cream cold longer. Did not sell any cones because the ice cream did not stay at optimum temperature. There was a lot of leftover product. Strawberry Shortcake sale went well.

Side note: Leftover ice cream and pastries will be served at upcoming ministry fairs.

- xvi. Adam – When will the next fun fest be? Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2024, 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
Bob Cline was a good help with overall day of “production.”  
Recommends having one tent rather than two.

- xvii. Stephanie – Music was well-received. Perhaps consider moving the location so it's not right in the sun. Perhaps near the garage again, moved up a bit away. Consider hour-long time blocks to make it more worth it for groups as opposed to half hour blocks (as earlier proposed).

**Next Meeting: Weds, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Holy Trinity Hall**

For Homework : Please consider nominating someone to be the supervising chairperson to work with the committee and Fr. Matt