

BAH 10/22 Street Meet De-Briefing

October 24, 2022

These notes are a summary of the “lessons learned” from the 10/9/22 Street Meet.

It was a beautiful fall day with temperatures in the 70’s. We received 142 RSVP’s to the email announcements sent by Jakob and the Facebook messages issued by Becky. It’s hard to estimate the actual number that attended but we had a good crowd, maybe 130 -150. When looking around people were sitting at the tables or in the side yard talking, meeting one another and generally having a good time. Committee members and volunteers arrived at 3 PM to set up. Seems that next year, if we are again providing the main course, that 2:30 should be the arrival time since we weren’t quite ready when folks started arriving at 4PM.

This year we decided to rent 15 8’ banquet tables and 50 chairs from Gerken Rent-All. The cost of this was \$404.22 (\$200 was delivery and pick-up.) The decision will need to be made in 2023 whether or not to repeat this. It did make for less gathering of tables by committee members. These items were delivered to and stored on Jean Nagorski’s driveway. Various committee members, and others who helped, brought card tables. We had 8 of them which turned out to be about 1-2 too many. But, it never hurts to have them available in case they are needed. The canopy was used to cover the table containing the name tags, updated neighborhood directories, volunteer sign-up sheets. (We had one volunteer for the Social Committee, Tyler Grieve, 5915 W 94th Street, tyler.grieve@compass.com, 913-787-4120. Carol W sent him a text welcoming him to the committee and told him that he would be included on future notices and communications.) A suggestion was made to have 2 lines for the name tags since the 1 line we did have was frequently backed up.

Gina Malashock did a very nice job again on the raffle and silent auction items. We raised \$1,115.00 from sales of raffle tickets (13 items) and bids on auction items (6 items.) This is more than we have ever raised which I believe speaks to the items offered & the number of attendees/participants we had this year! Listing the items on both the neighborhood email messages and the Facebook announcements and reminding folks to bring money also most likely helped with sales. It also seemed to be helpful to again have printed lists of the items so participants could take them to look at and decide about their bids and purchase of raffle tickets. A suggestion given was to put an ending time for bidding on the bid sheets for the silent auction items so all know the deadline for submitting his/her bids. Our expenses for the table and chair rental, and reimbursement of various committee members and other volunteers amounted to \$1,002.45. The resultant net gain for the Social Committee fund was \$512.55 because the HOA General Fund paid \$420 for the meat (in keeping with past years.) The amount currently in the Social Committee fund is 1,894.40.

NOTE: this year we had plenty of paper plates, bowls, cutlery, napkins... In 2023 some of those items, especially paper plates & bowls, will need to be purchased. We provided 5 large bags of ice and 4 cases of water and had very little of either items left over. We had 3 ice coolers which was enough.

Since Mary Green, Marigold's Food Truck, decided to not provide our main course this year, we developed an alternative plan. Fred Wallbillick, HOA Board member, purchased pulled pork from a friend of his at the cost of \$420.00 (included tip.) (Paid for by the HOA.) Fred ordered 40 pounds of the meat which ended up being about 12 pounds too much. If this same main course is used in 2023 perhaps order 30 pounds. We believe a factor in this was that there were many children at the event and most likely they didn't eat much pork. All comments heard were the pork was very good and enjoyed by participants. We also provided 72 beef hot dogs and had 24 left over. Perhaps purchase a dozen or so less in 2023. We provided buns for the pork and the hot dogs, condiments, BBQ sauce. We purchased 84 hot dog buns for the 72 hot dogs which was too many. As a result we donated approximately 60 hot dog buns to the Village Presbyterian Food Pantry. We purchased 60 sandwich buns and had few left over. A suggestion made was to assign 1 or 2 volunteers to assist with serving the meat and another volunteer to stand at the food table to arrange dishes, identify foods, if needed, keep an eye on the food to remove empty containers and assist people with retrieving their bowls, platters, etc.

Both the OP Officer, who made a short presentation about safety, gave out police-related toys and allowed sitting in the police car, and the OP Firemen & Truck, who gave out fireman hats and allowed touring of the fire truck, were again very popular activities with the children.

It appeared that many residents brought either side dishes or desserts as requested. (A-P brings side dishes; Q-Z brings desserts.) Many also brought their own chairs as requested.

Suggestions made were to have more activities for the children such as a craft, sidewalk chalk, corn hole game, ring toss... Carol W looked into having face painting but that was too expensive. Cost would have been about \$500. Also received a suggestion to put the raffle ticket containers in front of the raffle item instead of off to the side. That caused some confusion this year. Another suggestion was to possibly bring some bags that are used to divvy out extra meat and sell for a price with the proceeds going into the Social Fund. Perhaps announce this during the auction/raffle activity.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Wagner, Social Committee Chair