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Minutes from October 9, 2018 Social Committee meeting: Street Meet Debriefing

The following is feedback about the 9/30/2018 Street Meet:

Weather was overcast and about 80 degrees so a little muggy. A breeze blew every so often which cooled it off but also blew the table coverings and kept blowing out the Sterno flames on 2 of the 3 chaffers. This resulted in the meat in those 2 chaffers, hot dogs and smoked turkey, not being kept warm. Was nice to not need to grill any of the meat. We again had too much meat (but not as much left over as in 2017!) so need to scale that back a bit in 2019. We ordered 9 pounds of smoked turkey (had about ½ small serving pan left over), 17 pounds of pulled pork (had a little over 1 large serving pan left over) and 56 hot dogs. We ran out of hot dogs so might need to consider buying more in 2019. Price for Hy-Vee meat was \$9.99/per pound, totaling \$283.38. Peggy decided to have it delivered and generously paid the \$20 delivery charge. The meat was originally ordered 2 weeks ahead of time, with a revision date of 3 days ahead of time. We used 4 large packages (Costco) of French Rolls, 3 packages of hot dog buns (we originally bought 6 packages but returned 3 packages after the Meet due to some mold) and 3 large (Costco) packages of hamburger buns. We bought too many buns as it appears that many folks eat the meat without any buns or rolls.

It didn't appear that many folks donated food items to our Food Party drive. Not sure of the reason. May need to emphasize this more in the future if we repeat it. Carol brought the food items that were donated (mostly by Committee members) and the unopened bags of chips and extra buns to the Village Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, 99th & Mission Road.

Becky and Carol decided to not purchase helium balloons to attach to the neighborhood signage promoting the event because our RSVP number was good. The HOA purchased a 10x10 canvas canopy which was useful for the raffle, name tag table.

The event well attended, we had 155 "YES" RSVP's and it appeared that about that was approximately the number of folks who attended. People seemed to have a good time meeting and visiting with one another. Lots of young couples attended with many small children. The raffle table looked great with interesting items available. One suggestion was to have more men-related items and generic items and less beauty gifts. Also bundle more of the individual items into themed gifts such as girl's night, man cave, and kid stuff. Another suggestion was to not put the restaurant gift certificates together so that more people can win them. We need larger signage to designate the sign-in area, raffle ticket table, coupon book sale location, name tag table. We had a total of 24 raffle items, 11 of which were bundled together. We had 3 silent auction items up for bid, a pearl/gold necklace donated by Professional Jewelry, a 3 hour limo ride donated by resident, Bart Hollister, and a fresco painting created & donated by resident, Joy Baer. The raffle raised a total of \$465.00 and the auction raised \$310.00 totaling \$775.00 total. After expenses were totaled and committee member reimbursements made, we netted a total of \$334.91 on this year's Street Meet. These monies were added to the Social Committee fund in the general BAH Homes Association treasury. We only sold

4 Hy-Vee coupon books. They will be sold again at the 2019 Pancake Breakfast and the rest will be given to new residents in their Welcome Basket.

The 1st Evite was issued a bit later than we intended, sent on 9/9/2018 instead of 9/4/2018. The 2nd Evite was issued on 9/23/2018, with a final RSVP date of 9/26/2018.

Bob informed us that he no longer can organize and stage the raffle and silent auction tables but found a replacement that is willing to take on this task in 2019. Her name is Gina Malashock. She is a Fine Arts educator with Graphic Design experience.

As far as inventory, for the 2019 Street Meet, we will need dinner paper plates, napkins, better tongs to use for serving the meat, plastic dinner forks, sidewalk chalk, note cards for identifying side dishes. We have 9 plastic table coverings left over but will need more in 2019. We didn't have dessert plates but Carol has plastic bowls in the inventory that can be used for desserts in 2019.

Our plan regarding amount of water and ice we provided was "spot on" as we only had a few bottles left over. We provided 3 cases of water and 5 large bags of ice. The use of the megaphone received mixed reviews as some thought it made it easier to hear but others still had difficulty.

A nice selection of side dishes was brought by residents this year! We still had a fair number of desserts brought by residents so the Committee members likely don't need to bring both a side dish and a dessert next year. We may need to either bring more chairs ourselves or rent chairs as it appeared there was inadequate seating for everyone. Same for tables for dining.

Most committee members liked the taste of the Hy-Vee pulled pork and smoked turkey but the turkey was cut into large chunks making it difficult to use for sandwiches. Suggestion made to order shredded chicken next year, instead of the smoked turkey, in addition to the pulled pork.

The critter table for the children was well received and a good idea but was unfortunate that Cora Hunt forgot about the event and so her mother, Mary, and later Cora, arrived late and only had 3 critters to show. One of those three critters, a snake, wasn't available as it got lost during transit in Mary Hunt's car. If Cora and Mary are available in 2019 we need to confirm that the critters are appropriate for small children. The two of them assured Carol of this especially since they are very experienced in handling all the critters brought. The Fire truck was again a popular feature. Our Community Police officer, Geoff Gahn, was unable to attend due to a family emergency. No OP City officials were present due to their unavailability. A comment made was that too much time was taken up in previous Street Meets by city presentations so we'll try to limit that in the future.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Wagner, Social Committee Chair.