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Minutes from February 15, 2020 Social Committee: 2020 Pancake De-briefing

The following is feedback about the 2/8/2020 Pancake Breakfast:

Attendance was disappointingly low, approximately 38 adults and 18 non-paying children, totaling 56.

Everyone who was there seemed to enjoy themselves and the event. The weather was good, venue was the same...the only reason we thought might have contributed to low attendance was the fact that Pancake breakfasts were being held on the same morning at John Diemer Elementary School and at the Christ Church Anglican church, 91st & Nall. We made \$220 from ticket sales but, when committee members were reimbursed for their expenses, the invoice was paid for Doug's provision of the food and the \$150 cleaning fee (new this year) was paid to the Rolling Hills Church, we lost \$172 on this event. Ideas and feedback received at the 2/15/2020 HOA Board meeting included the following:

- Perhaps move this event to March, with a St. Patrick's Day theme so we hopefully can avoid the competition with other nearby events.
- Maybe change the venue to Christ Church Anglican Church, 91st & Nall, Bethany Lutheran Church, 91st & Lamar or Church of the Nazarene, 91st & Lamar. Rolling Hills staff was not as hospitable this year when we were planning this event. They also composed a Building Use Policy which we easily followed and added the \$150 cleaning fee although we historically have given them a \$60 "donation" and have left their kitchen and dining room as clean, if not cleaner, than we found it. Also, the deacons and the Pastor (who stopped by), were a bit rude and abrupt with us when they entered the kitchen to prepare for the provision of a lunch for a funeral taking place in the church. Perhaps they are no longer overly interested in hosting outside events in their facility???
- Consider skipping a year in the hopes this would generate more interest.
- Keep the same amount of fresh fruit as we provided this year i.e. 1 large bag of green grapes, 1 large bag of red grapes, 6 small containers of red raspberries, 2 large containers of blueberries and 2 pineapples as these amounts seemed to be correct.
- Provide a gallon (instead of a quart) of 2% milk to drink as the addition of this item was well received. Provide a larger container of coffee creamer (instead of a pint of ½ & ½) as we ran out of this item and the addition of this item was also well received.
- Perhaps send an electronic reminder of the event on the Thursday before the Saturday event to those who RSVP'd Yes. [Jakob: this WAS done!]
- We won't need coloring pages for the children at our next Breakfast as we have enough in our inventory.
- We noticed that families with children tended to arrive early, between 8AM-9AM. We had many fewer of this group arrive between 9AM-10AM.

- We will need the following for our future breakfasts: 3 gallons of pancake syrup, 1 case of butter pats, 2 cases of sausage, 3 quarts of juice concentrate, and 5 packs of coffee.
- We only need to have seed money of \$50 of \$5 dollar bills.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Wagner, Social Committee Chair.

Comments submitted by email:

Rebecca Roth: Carol, this briefing is complete.

I do like the idea of doing a March date / New theme. I think we could swap out the table covers to green quite easily. Center pieces we currently have can be saved for possible future Feb events. We can still use the jars with some new toppers. Perhaps green ribbon, tree branches from our yard. I have card stock and paper that can be used to cute out shamrocks.

As for place mats.... we could see about bulk paper white mats maybe from Costco or a friend told me about an upcycle place (near the plaza) called scraps I think. Perhaps we could check out that place and see if there is anything there that we could use. Teachers get a deal there, perhaps Brenda or Becky would be able to go and check out what is there. I would love to go just to look around- if a companion would be desired. 😊

Another idea that I talked with Someone about (I think Becky 😊) was what about looking into a chili event. Could do this later in afternoon yet not quite dinner. 2pm? Changing the date and the theme.... Just an idea.

We can also ask members at the patio crawl for ideas. That is all I have now. Rebecca

Brenda Fishman: Rebecca is referring to Scraps, KC, a non-profit that receives all kinds of overstock from large companies who are redoing offices as well as store donations - it is a crazy compilation of stuff! It is just east of State Line (take a right after the Quik-Trip, on left side) of Southwest Blvd. Tons of green décor at Dollar Tree at 91st and Metcalf.

I didn't attend this year - had Sweetheart Dance at school on same day, so had to be at set up that morning; however I think a March event with Mardi Gras or St. Patrick's theme might be fun. Would waffles be a fun addition if enough could be loaned? Or too time-consuming. Brenda Fishman

Peggy Fisher: I like the idea of shopping around for a possible change of venue due to cost concerns.

We could look at changing the month and keep it a pancake breakfast to continue to utilize Doug's connections.

Either the Mardi Gras or ST. Pat's would be easy decor. Thanks, Peggy

Karen Dryden: Your report looks accurate. Too bad we lost money and so few came. Very disappointing.

March is worth a try with less competing events (as long as we don't fall on St. Patrick's Day Parade!)

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Pat Lodge: If you subtract all of the working staff that paid it is even worse. And I brought 3 adults and 2 children of my family who don't live in the neighborhood.

Rebecca Newkirk: Lots of good thoughts! I am open for a change next year if that is the consensus. I also would echo finding a location that doesn't charge us so much, one that might offer the space for

less due to the fact that we are a neighborhood organization. I also like including Doug and his wife in this event....it makes it so easy on the rest of us.

I think we offer a very nice event and are generous to offer free food for kids. I think historically this has been a well-attended event, so perhaps the low this year was just unlucky timing for families. It is disappointing that our RSVP count and our actual numbers are so far off- this makes it extremely hard to order food and be cost effective.

Thanks for everyone's hard work- my family enjoyed the event! Becky