

Mardi Gras in May

Wrap Up meeting 6-4-19

Attendees: Pastor Brock, Pastor Frey; Mitzi Jones, Linda Drye, Kim Hoover, MaryEllen Hettinger, Joe & Judy Hunter, Janet Kissinger, Joyce Roy, Rick Sten.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Brock. Grand total of fund raising dollars was **\$11,000**.

Keeping in mind lots of free/donations: Bishops did printing/banners no fee and snow cone machine; MaryAnn Landis donated all table decorations; Kitchen crew used their funds towards food (\$1,000) and also use of Thrivent funds (\$250).

Auction and Mary K. Fager's (MKF) art work was sold at below prices in most cases. Auction profits were around \$3600. There were lots of **Deals on the baskets** and discussion about how to handle minimum bids if we do this again. Also to raise the value of the baskets by 25% to offset if bidding if low as it was this time. It did get the congregation involved and the different committees and choir, etc. involved. It was unanimous that having the **baskets on view all day** (day of event) was better than just 4-6 p.m. during the event. Also making higher dollar increments between the individual bids was recommended. Better supervision of the items and bidding (more volunteers). Kudos to Mitzi, Margy, and Patty helping Kim with set up. All items were sold (#82) some left overs were donated to Salvation Army/given to volunteers and Dona Norris did live auction to sell remaining MKF pictures.

Comments from Kim Hoover -

1. All baskets, quilts and MKF items were sold.
2. Total sales were approx. \$3600 (wow!)
3. Total number of items for auction, including moving sale, were 82.
4. 13 items were claimed/paid at church office during week after event. Steve helped with this and also had great ideas for displaying items.
4. A dozen or so moving sale items did not sell. 2 were given back to church and the rest were either donated to Salvation Army or 2 were given to volunteers. Patty Marshall decided at the end of event.
5. Volunteers were very helpful. Dona coordinated a live auction to sell the remaining 6 MKF paintings which had no bids, raising an additional \$70.
7. Keys to success? Mitzi and Margy and Patty were a great team! They helped Kim by putting in many hours to display, organize, number items and prepare lists. This preparation made the auction go smoothly and it was a fun time for everyone. Payments were quickly processed.
8. The full day of event worked well. Auction ran from 9 am to closing at 6 pm. MKF paintings were on display for 2 weeks.
9. Everyone enjoyed dinner and entertainment.

Frederickson Library does a great auction,

Tickets Sales were around #207 total (?). Discussion about our limited ticket sales (Sundays) due to relationship to Easter & Palm Sunday. Timing for next fund raiser March 2021 is being looked into and planned as Easter is 4/4/2021. Presuming in future more will want to order tickets on line and perhaps no tickets just data base of names for registration discussed.

Publicity/Education: All could have been earlier. Topic was difficult to convey/visualize for the congregation. Joyce Roy was commended for writing of articles that were used for advertising. Mitzi will do a report for Trinity Parish for the congregation (due 6/10).

Kitchen: New Ovens --malfunctioned knobs for temperature controls. Need to communicate if there is a problem in the kitchen. Buffet was delayed by 45 minutes --Long lines then for food but guests

did not seem upset. Lots of comfort food left overs versus Cajun items went to Safe Harbour shelter.

CLEAN up again a major issue with lack of qualified help in the kitchen.

Dining Room: MaryEllen reported all went well but could have had better signage for which buffet carts had which foods so folks could get in separate lines for serving. The buffet is limited for placement because of the location of outlets. We could do both sides. More volunteers would have been helpful to guide guests.

Sub-Bourbon Street: Games went well but few played. (#20 kids). Layout was nice. Discussion needed with Peter Fox about youth volunteers not buying tickets for the event, this needs to be addressed for future events.

Entertainment: Everyone had a good time, great fellowship and good interactions. Rick enjoyed working with the youth on the skits. Formed great relationships!

Sponsorships: Advertise earlier next time (had only #10 tables sponsored this time) and few

Decoration: All team felt very lovely tables by MaryAnn Landis (also donated by her). Used some of the props from Mardi Gras done in 2009 by Beck Enney.

Volunteers: Agree unanimously we **need Volunteer Coordinator** for next event. Responsibilities are to call and remind special dress, make sure Kitchen help is experienced or trained. Youth in the kitchen need an adult advisor.

Overall notes

Take control from the beginning and set expectations.

Determine Volunteer meals ahead of time – separate meal, no charge?

Determine goals, should have cause in title, tangible item

Remember we are all volunteers!

3/21/21 tentative next fundraising date!

Meeting Time: 7 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. Ended with Lord's Prayer.