



## Picnic Wrap-Up Meeting Minutes 10.10.23

Opening Prayer was provided by Andrea Erickson.

**Financials**-Kim Hermans walked through the final financials of the picnic. The net raffle proceeds are \$55,298.75. Total Gross Revenue was \$184,557.14. Total Expenses are \$77,484.48. We donated 10% of the proceeds. This year's non-profit organization that received the tithing is the Bellevue VFW and the amount is \$11,900.74. Total net proceeds of the picnic are \$107,072.66! This is the highest number ever. We beat the record set in 2022 by \$13,200. Congratulations everyone!

**Bands** - The dance floor went over well. Both bands are interested in coming back next year. The committee agreed to proceed with getting them contracted for 2024.

**Thank You's**- Please let Mindy know if you want anyone to receive a special thank you card sent out by the committee.

**Credit Card Machines** - Make sure the Silent Auction has a card reader for the beginning of the day. Booyah tickets do not need one. One is needed in the Food Tent. Bar is ok with cash only.

**Bakery** - Everything went well. They sold out of everything fairly early in the day.

**Booyah**- Meat prices were less in 2023. The last few bowls (60 or so) were sold by the bucket, cash and carry. Good feedback from customers.

**Breakfast**- All good, no one present from that team.

**Ice Cream** - Sold out - All good, no one present from that team.

**Bar** - Brian Schauer is going to help Mike Konop to co-chair the Beverage Tent in 2024. Welcome Brian! They are looking to get rid of the metal tanks, and replace with smaller plastic tanks. They will also look at assigning a runner to each shift. We can look into asking people to donate their golf carts/gators for use on Picnic day. Garbage and recycling cans are needed inside of the bar.

**Car Show** - We had 267 cars this year, 274 is the past record. Online Registration needs to be looked at to see if it's worth it. Need drinks brought to workers. More announcements (beginning at 1:00) for awards at 3:30 and also for kids choice awards. Will work to streamline the awards. Need to work together in advance with Car Show, Bucket Raffle, Bands to make sure announcements are

not overlapping. Two weeks prior to the picnic will be the final meeting in 2024 to iron out these types of things.

**Courtesy Carts** - We need to add at least one more and look into getting all of them from Jims. We had a total of 4 this year. Ideal number would be quantity four 4 seaters and one 6 passenger from Jim's for 2024. We need to look at better communication options for next year because the walkie talkies were not effective.

**Dining Tent**- The picnic tables work great. We used all possible tables that were available to add in 30 or so spots. Napkin cans were wrapped with POP information and inspirational messages by Donell Bonetti and Sara Shefchik. We would love these again for next year. The committee recommended purchasing an additional 20 portable picnic tables for 2024. (We already purchased 30 of our own which will bring our total to 50.) There should be enough room to store them.

**Bingo** - We need to check in with Sue Seyler to get her feedback on bringing it back in 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. There is mixed feedback on adding this back in from the committee.

**Food** - We sold 2,400 burgers/brat patties in just a few hours. To alleviate the long lines the committee agreed to purchase an additional grill for 2024. We will also need to work on getting more grilling volunteers. Dick and Carol Diener may donate the grill. This is something we need to look into. We also need to take a better look at the Condiment table shifts. We will keep the same amounts of food to order for 2024 as we had in 2023.

**Kids Games** - Minimal card reader use for credit cards with about 3 transactions. However we would take one in 2024 if available and could share it with Silent Auction if needed. We sold the POP cloth bags for \$1.00. All of them (over 100) sold. We would recommend having this as an option in the future and can be more proactive about it to maximize this opportunity.

**Grounds Team** - Idea to run a cart with drinks and simple snacks to the Car Show (possible to consider), Work with Neil to get Youth Group and Young Adults involved in this area, as well as others throughout the weekend.

**Ground & Tent Setup/Takedown** - Thursday and Friday set up from 1:00-6:00 each day. Dinner at 5:00. Saturday morning final prep with tables/bar/etc.

**Parking** - The extra parking in the fields is very helpful, carts were used. Kody's bus was intended to bring people back and forth to the VFW, but only about 10 cars parked there. Instead he used to bring people from further down on Willow over to the picnic. We need to re-evaluate for next year. We could fill in some ruts on the corner of Willow and Huron. Ken said they are working with Willow Glen on this.

**Raffle** - Everything went very well. 3,263 were sold!

**Sand Pit** - Didn't hear any complaints that we didn't have it this year, but we can look into it again for 2024 and ask DeKeyser sooner. Bubbles and sidewalk chalk around the playground worked well too to fill in the gap.

**Security/Finance** - Bar area requested more ones in the start up cash, and more visits by the money security team.

**Silent Auction** - Total profit was over \$25,000. This was the largest year ever with 399 baskets/items and 71 plants! The Bucket Raffle went over very well. 10 items brought in \$3,600. Tickets were sold by the bar, and that should be repeated in 2024. \$575 was made in 19 mystery envelopes that sold quickly. Next year the Community Room will be used for Silent Auction Prep. Tera and Denise indicated that they will need more help - This year 7 people made nearly 400 baskets! People like the paper bidding and the team does not recommend making any changes to that process.

**Tootsie Roll** - Elizabeth reported that they were busy from the beginning to end and sold out at 2:30 which is earlier than they would like. In 2024 she will look to get more prizes and more tootsie rolls. She will also likely raise the price to 2 tootsie rolls for \$1.00 in 2024. The committee verified that there is room to store the prize items at the Holy Trinity site throughout the year.

**Welcome Tent**- No one was here to represent, but this info. was shared in advance- New Member \$5 Vouchers: 8 picked up of 70 new members who received a letter to pick up a voucher. We should either scrap this or revise it in 2024 as the harvest wasn't worth the labor.

**Volunteer Sign Up** - A few complaints about people that didn't want to sign up online and wanted the paper sign ups out earlier in church. We also need to look at better communication for volunteers signing for service hours.

**Safety Team:** Tim Decker verified that we had between 4,000-5,000 people at our event. It is growing each year. At this time, we can only supply basic first aid services with the volunteer nurses we have on standby. He contacted Brown County Rescue Services and they indicated it would cost \$800 for 2 EMTs and an Ambulance to be on site for the duration of our event. The committee recommends that we proceed with this but also advised Tim to check with Bellevue Fire and Rescue to see what they can offer.

There is a New Parish Member Dinner on October 21st at 5:30 - If anyone wants to represent the Picnic Committee at this meal, please contact the Parish Office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Items for/from Co-Chairs and office received items that were on Agenda but not covered in this meeting:**

- Stats weekly for month prior (raffle, sponsors, etc) communicate to group
- Ask each tent leader to check-in and communicate, to let the volunteer tent know when they close.
- Post Picnic Stat request to all just after the picnic to have published in the bulletin.
- Multiple requests for tent rental – who will be the contact for approval and for getting volunteers?
- Tent for Face Painters need Signs and start earlier (11 AM)? (check-in at volunteer tent when arriving/leaving)
- Have week of schedule visible by paper sign up and in bulletin almost weekly for month prior
- Raffle and sponsor update for the last month prior to the picnic
- On Volunteer signup indicate gator and golf cart shift switch at a location (by garage)
- With Construction, we need to review all signs before next year.
- Office appreciates help for deliveries, coordinating location, etc. when phones are ringing.
- 20+ complaints of not enough handicap parking. Folks suggest a section of church parking lot.
- Option to have a bank of porta potties near church building. Complaints that current ones are located by the car show area. Maybe 2 or 3 with one being handicap accessible.