

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction Event Summary Meeting – June 2, 2014

Members present: Kate McMahon (chair), Cynthia Allis, Michele Greco, Louise Hayes (decorations), Sally Heater (desserts), Kathy Lane, Flo Lewis, John Thornton, Lynn Wilber (Silent Auction), Matt Ryan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

There was agreement among the group that the Wine Tasting & Silent Auction Event held on Saturday, May 24 from 6-9 pm was very successful and probably would be again if we hosted another. The number of people attending the event far surpassed expectations for the holiday weekend.

Ticket sales amounted to \$2,555 (this will be divided equally among the Haiti Committee, the Knights of Columbus, and the Altar & Rosary Society once the expenses for the disposable items has been taken out).

The Big Basket of Cheer raised \$825 for the Haiti Committee.

The Silent Auction brought in \$2,606 total. Each of the 3 groups donated some items and will receive the money the their items brought in for their group.

The group noted the following items to consider if this type of event is ever held again:

- * There should be more hot hors d'oeuvres.
- * A sound system should be used for announcements.
- * The silent auction bid sheets should have the minimum bid and minimum raise amounts highlighted or in larger font.
- * The silent auction bid sheets do not need to be taped to the tablecloths.
- * There should be a table with information regarding the three committees and the activities they support at the event.

Lynn distributed a spreadsheet with information regarding the minimum bids and the final bids for the silent auction items. The list contained the Haiti Committee items. She had meant to print off the entire list. She agreed to send Sally (Altar & Rosary) and Matt (knights of Columbus) an email with this information.

The group discussed what time of year would be best to hold the event in the future. Several opinions were offered—September, January (a concern would be the weather), April (Lent, Easter, school vacations), and May. It was noted that the event should not be held during Lent. Several people agreed that since it went well on Memorial Day that maybe that would be a good time in the future. The Church Calendar would have to be considered. The planning meeting for the Church Calendar is held in August.

It was suggested that the Eagle Crest Vineyard be contacted about possible dates for next year. Kate asked whether the Altar & Rosary Society or the Knights of Columbus would want to hold the event on their own. Sally said it would be too much for the Altar & Rosary Society to take on by themselves, but that she thought the Society would like to do it as a joint event again. Matt also stated that he did not think the Knights would want to run the event on their own. Several members of the Haiti Committee stated that the event took a very large amount of time on their parts. Sally stated that it should be easier the next time the event is held, since we would have a better idea on how to run the event. Lynn stated that if the event was held again she would want more people to help out. Sally suggested the leaders go back to their separate groups and get the opinion of each group as to whether they were interested in doing the event again in the future. She also asked that any documentation, such as meeting minutes, bid sheets, etc. be organized and kept on file in case the event is held again. Kate and Lynn agreed to gather this documentation.

There has been no commitment to move ahead with planning this event for the 2014-2015 year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.