

St. Philip Church – 2014 Richmond Fair Meals Report

Fellow Parishioners,

As you know, Dianne Bruce and I (Bill Flynn) were your co-organizers of the 2014 Richmond Fair Church Meals. Before we introduce the Organizing Committee, we must extend **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all you generous Parishioners, supporting businesses and others from outside the Parish who donated desserts, other food, time and who purchased sponsorships. We have concluded that about 150 volunteers participated in making the Fair Meals such a huge success. Here are a couple of items of interest. Most of the food was donated except for items such as meat, buns and a few other items. Over 100 pies were donated. Most of our food was purchased locally and we were well satisfied with the meat products coming from Christopher's Meats and King's Independent. We should also point out that Macs Milk (Richmond) donated all of the butter packets, milk & cream for the coffee. What else can we say? **!!!THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU... VERY MUCH!!!**

We thank the organizing committee; whose experience, dedication and **COUNTLESS HOURS** (I stress countless hours); contributed to our success: Eileen Kavanagh, Mary Roosen, Donna Flynn, Ronalda McKenna, Ray Huet, Maureen Huet, Gisele Moore, Anne Borthwick, Luc St. Jean, Lynn Lane, Pat McIver, Louis Seward, Erin Flynn and Sheila Hearne.

Approximately 735 meals were served this year versus 805 meals in 2011. This comprised of 195 meals to Fair Board volunteers (down from 286 in 2011) and 540 'general' Meals (up from 519 in 2011). We offered a \$1 Lunch discount and \$2 Supper discount for Seniors which we believe was well-received. We also offered vegetarian options at all meals and we were surprised and happy to have served many of these types of meals. The Agricultural Society also pre-arranged for residents from several Seniors homes to visit the Fair and partake in our Friday Lunch (Shepherd's Pie). It was very gratifying to serve meals to these folks and many were so happy to enjoy a home-cooked meal at the Fair.

Shuttle Service

The Knights of Columbus (coordinated by Grand Knight Luc St. Jean), offered a shuttle service (to and from the Fair Meals) for seniors residing in the Village of Richmond. We must also point out that this initiative was fully supported by the Agricultural Society who allowed these seniors to attend the meals without having to purchase a Gate Admission and to pass through gate 2 adjacent to the Dining Hall. Also, their Fair Security Personnel (who were well-briefed); operated the gate quickly and readily. We extend our thanks to Dale Greene, Gerd Lohmann and others from the Agricultural Society.

The Knights of Columbus shuttle service (2 vehicles) conducted ~16 runs throughout the two-day period (Friday-Saturday lunch & supper meals). Included in this was a pick-up of ~ 7 residents from the Richmond Lodge. These people also received complementary meal tickets donated by some of the businesses who sponsored the Fair Meals. We personally observed these folks as they entered the dining hall; and we could tell this was a huge thrill for them to be able to attend the Fair Meals. According to Grand Knight Luc St. Jean, all participants were very appreciative of this service and hoped that it would continue in future years.

Financial Report

We are pleased to report that the Richmond Fair Church Meals fundraiser was an incredible success for the parish. Total revenues were \$14,288 comprised of \$8,538 in meal sales and \$5,600 in sponsorships, and several parishioners also gave cash donations towards the fundraiser. Total expenses were \$5,146 comprising food, hall rental, promotional and supplies purchases. Overall, we achieved an incredible net profit of \$9,142! For comparison, in 2011 when the parish operated the Richmond Fair Church Meals fundraiser, \$6,700 was raised. The support of individuals who purchased sponsorships helped tremendously. The parish was able to cover its costs before the first meal was served!

Revenue:

Meal Sales	\$8,538
Sponsorship Sales	5,600
Cash Donations	150
Subtotal	<u>\$14,288</u>

Expenses:

Food	2,602
Hall Rental	1,089
Promotion	770
Supplies	687
Subtotal	<u>\$5,146</u>

Net Profit

\$9,142

Per the Parish Finance Council ("PFC")'s Long-Range Financial Plan, passed in the spring with Fr. Bob's approval, these funds are to be used towards major repairs and maintenance of Church property. Parishioners wishing more information on this plan can contact Fr. Bob, any PFC member, or consult the PFC's page on the parish website.

Sponsorships

This was a new initiative in 2014; to ensure the Church Meals (going forward) would continue to be viable. A sponsorship sold for \$125 and was available to businesses & non-businesses. In return, each sponsor would receive two complementary meal tickets and their name / business logo displayed on a banner in the dining hall. The banner was professionally done (thank you Neil Robichaud and staff at Graphiki Signs). We are pleased to report that 44 sponsorships were sold. These sponsorships allowed us to offer affordable pricing, senior discounts and low prices for children. Special thanks go out to:

- BAYVIEW WINDOWS
- TUBMAN FUNERAL HOMES
- JENNIFER ANN COOK (REALTOR)
- CAROPRACTOR
- HOME CLIMATE PRO
- STATE FARM INSURANCE (CHRISTINE LUNN)
- FLYNN LANDSCAPING
- LONGWOOD (RICHMOND GATE)
- BLUE HOUSE PET GROOMING
- BAKERS BEAN
- T.P. CRAWFORD LIMITED
- MARLBOROUGH PUB
- SOUTHPAW LANDSCAPING
- RICHMOND AUTO CARE
- THOMAS CAVANAGH CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
- MY THAI VILLAGE
- TD BANK
- BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
- DOWCOM SHEET METAL
- CHRISTOPHER'S MEAT MARKET
- RICHMOND LODGE
- RBC WEALTH MGT (PETER WHITE)
- CALDWELL BANKER (BRIAN KUSIEWICZ)
- SOUTH CARLETON PHYISOTHERAPY
- TRICIA SCHOUTEN (BARRISTER&SOLICITOR)
- SCHOUTEN CORNER VIEW FARMS LTD
- B. BAIRD WATER CONDITIONING
- HEIDI & DEAN PIERUNEK
- DONNA & BILL FLYNN
- TOM & RUTH CHMARA
- PAT & MICHELLE MCIVER
- EUNICE GOODENOUGH
- PETER & GISELE MOORE
- LUCIE & RICHARD GUITARD
- AL & CHRISTINE LUNN
- RANDY & COLLEEN JONES
- GLENROY & MARJORIE HUFF
- DAVID & ELIZABETH VICKERS
- DAVID & ELIZABETH STERRITT
- VELMA RATH
- BRIAN & BRENDA GOSS
- MARY & ERNIE BEAUDETTE
- ROSE & GEORGE STOCCO
- BERNADETTE NAGLE

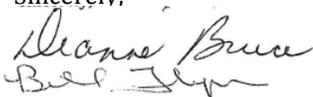
Conclusion

Again, the Fair Meals would not have been successful without the volunteerism and generosity of those already mentioned. Though the event was a financial success, there were other more important benefits; that for Dianne and I made the experience very gratifying and again, far outweighed the financial benefits. First and foremost was being able to put huge smiles on many of the seniors who were able to enjoy a fine dining experience at the Fair. We observed countless members of our Parish helping some of these people with their trays. It was also nice to see so many Parishioners (young, old, new & long-time parishioners) working together, laughing and having fun even though the shifts were very grueling. We want to say thank you Deacon Louis and Father Bob for your pre-meal Blessings at the Dining Hall and at our Planning meetings.

Also, there were other satisfying experiences. The shuttle service allowed those to attend the Fair Meals who otherwise may have been unable. Working with the other Churches and members of the Agricultural Society in the pre-planning sessions was also very satisfying and part of the Community Building experience. We also should mention that there was food leftover Friday (Ham & Scallops) and Saturday (Roast Beef). These leftovers were immediately taken to the Mission. Thank you (Sheldon & Linda Scrivens - Friday) and (Ray & Maureen Huet - Saturday) for transporting this food on behalf of St. Philip Church. We also want to mention that we had a display of information material related to the St. Philip Chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thanks to those who took some of the material to read and who provided donations.

Finally, we thank God for bringing the Community closer together and allowing his good graces to shine on us. We also thank God for the good weather and hope all you good parishioners will rest up for the next time☺☺

Sincerely,



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Fair Meals Coordinators