

Santa Breakfast Planning Meeting - December 4, 2023

Present: Pat Clement, Terry Coll, Joanne Linxweiler, Pat Allard, Cindy Berling, Fay Hanscomb, Pat Davenport, Cathy Sartorelli, Jess Traynor, Karen Murray

The meeting began at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of this meeting was to review and provide feedback on The Santa Breakfast that was held on Sunday, Dec. 3rd 2023.

Discussion

Cathy has started two detailed documents which provide feedback for this year's event and suggestions for next year's event. One document lists the food items and the second lists decor and staffing. These documents will be very helpful for future planning. Cathy and Karen updated these documents after the meeting. Karen will send them out to the group with these minutes. Please see these documents for specifics.

We do not have a final tally of how much profit we made on this event, but we believe this has been a very successful event.

Additional feedback/suggestions:

- Co-chairs for next year's event: Cathy will be the co-chair out front in the cafeteria area and Cindy will be the co-chair in the back kitchen area. This should ensure smoother running of the event.
- Keep the same 8:00am-11:00am time next year. We need to make sure we can get in at 6:00am as this didn't happen this year even though Fay requested the building to be open at this time.
- The PTA will hold their Holiday Fair the 1st Sunday in December and we should continue to hold our breakfast at the same time.
- Cost of breakfast - Is \$10 for adults too much? No vote was taken. Also when the PTA ran the Santa Breakfast last year, they offered a family rate of \$20. Some who attended mentioned this. Should we consider this next year? No vote was taken.
- Those who volunteer should get a free breakfast.

Many people donated items to help this be such a successful event. Joanne will write some thank you notes while Karen will mention these people in the January Crier article.

List of those to thank:

AVS PTA

Heather Bronson, photographer

The Traynor Family

Gary Poulin*

Santa

Auburn Fire Department

Shaws in Derry

Hannaford in Derry

Freihofer Bakery Outlet

Dave Sylvia

Sarah Belanger, AVS Food Service Director

Andrea Johnston and the AVS Bands

The many volunteers from the Friends of the Library

*We will give a donation to the Longmeadow Church Steeple Fund to thank Gary Poulin for his donations and continued support of our Santa Breakfast. A motion was made at the Friends' Meeting to donate \$115 to this fund.

Karen Murray, Secretary