

Association for Brother James Court & Affiliates
Meeting Minutes
Saturday September 12, 2009
Knights of Columbus - Riverton, Illinois

In attendance were: President Jill Hanney, Membership and Vice-President John Rodems, Raffle Ticket Co-Chairs Joe & Eileen Huss, Secretary Molly Bates.

Jill Hanney introduced and welcomed Rainie Dallavis as the future Treasurer for the Association of BJC, replacing long time treasurer Don Vaccarello. Don has served as Treasurer for many years, his dedication to BJC and the Board has been outstanding and he will be greatly missed. In determining the best time to transition Jill reminded the board that in December the Association contributes to the employee Christmas bonus fund. In January, at the Chicago-land area parents meeting is when the Association presents a check for the balance in the account to the BJC Administrator. It was agreed that in January the checking account in Chicago will be closed and a new account will be opened in Springfield. Banking options were discussed to ensure there are branches in both Springfield and Chicago land area. Chase Bank is an option with locations in both. Rainie will arrange to meet with Don to discuss the accounting responsibilities.

The July 25 Chili Cook-off to benefit Brother James Court was a big success and plans to hold another next year are being made. A proceeds check was presented, at the picnic, to BJC Administrator Ron Wampler in the amount of \$5,000.

The winners of the Association raffle drawings were:

1st Prize - \$1000 Mary Kaczmarek-Kulbida

2nd Prize - \$500 - Shirley Vien

3rd Prize - \$250 - Shirley Vien

The winner of the 2002 Mailbu Classic Chevrolet was:

Regina Sixta, Edgewater Maryland

The Association received a donation of \$200 from Raymond and Joan Barnhorst. It was agreed that it would be applied to the 2010 raffle ticket printing costs, which is budgeted at \$500. The board discussed finding a printing company who would donate the printing costs and if one is located the donation will be applied to the 2010 mailing costs, which is budgeted at \$200. The tickets will need to be ready no later than March 31, 2010 so that they are available to be sold during the April Auction.

There were no expenses accumulated for the picnic today except for the soft drinks. Jill will check with Jay Landers to obtain a total and offer that the Association pay the amount owed.

John and Charlotte Rodems will send out the Parent Association Membership letters in November.

Jill asked if anyone had any ideas about what to designate 2010 Association Proceeds to. Molly Bates suggested new beds for the men at BJC. Jill said she would check to see if it is the parent/guardian or BJC responsibility to provide funds for the men's beds. John Rodems suggested the Wii Fit game that could be used for exercise for the men could be installed at different locations at Brother James Court. These suggestions will be given to the Administrator, Ron Wampler and get his suggestions of items that would benefit the residents. The Board will need to decide what the proceeds will be designated to prior to the ticket mailing.

Effective with these minutes Jill will e-mail them to Association Members that have indicated their interest in receiving e-mails on their membership application. The minutes will also be posted on the BJC website.

<http://www.brotherjamescourt.com/brotherjamescourttassociation.html>

Jill spoke with Barbara Sipes (resident Jeff Brady's sister) at the picnic and Barbara suggested bringing back a previous years grab bag fundraiser. She remembered at previous auctions that there where grab bags offered for sale for \$20. These donated bags would contain unknown donated items, and all were presented in the same way. Barbara said she would be willing to organize this endeavor and has volunteered her time to staff the table at the auction. Jill will send out an e-mail message to Association members asking for donations of items to fill the grab bags.

Next years picnic date will be Saturday. September 11, 2010. Efforts to secure the same location, Marian Hall, Knights of Columbus Council 3914 in Riverton will be made.

The next Association Board meeting will be in conjunction with the Parent Meeting in Springfield in December, (date to be determined) at Brother James Court and in January in the Chicago land area (date and location to be determined).

Respectfully Submitted
Molly Bates, Secretary
Association of Brother James Court