

Notes from Homecoming planning meeting, 9/25/05, 12:15-12:50(!)

Attending: John, Jeff, Jake, Caryn, Avery (plus colored markers)

Homecoming is Nov 6, 9-10:15, in the Parish Hall

Theme: We discussed this and decided this is "a party for ALL of us" and a chance to see old friends. It is not a recruiting or re-recruiting opportunity, primarily. It is homecoming.

Invitations: CARYN will take care of this, calling on the rest of us as she needs to. It will be a printed invitation, primarily mailed out. JM will produce mailing labels as Caryn indicates (John gave Caryn the list of names Kathy had developed). Caryn will design the invitation text and presentation. In addition, we'll develop a small list of those whom we might call to especially encourage them to visit that day. Jake and Jeff will do calls as they are able to, and will work from the list Kathy developed (which John gave to Caryn). [Caryn: if you do a poster version of the announcement, I'll print it out as we did before.]

Announcements: Once Caryn has designed the "message", JOHN will get appropriate announcements into CAS, the Sunday service bulletin, and after-service announcements.

Food: JAKE will arrange the food, decorations, seating, etc. It will be breakfast "finger food", nothing that needs cooking at the church. We won't ask people to sign up for pot luck, but several of us will bring things when Jake tells us to. Jake may call on Sally & Ray Meek who are normally responsible for 8am hospitality to get them to help with food; Jake may call on Frankie McLeod and/or Mary Cloutier for decorations (but see Mary below). It needs to be multiple-table buffet setup so it will move fast.

Music: JOHN (with JEFF'S help as needed) will arrange for music during the entry time (9-9:15) -- probably Joe Baldwin playing tunes on the piano (John has contacted Joe; no confirmation yet); at some point we'll have a singalong with something rousing, with Heather and/or Mary Cloutier driving us on [[is JOHN or CARYN supposed to contact them???]]; CARYN will contact Alex to have him arrange for the youth to do something probably with music (Saints come marching in, trumpet, drum, violin, whatever) so we'll exit from the Parish Hall to the worship space.

Mixer: CARYN will figure this out. If it turns out to be too much or too complicated for the short period, she'll cut it to fit. Could be something with playing cards, pictures from All Saints, a Guest Book, address exchange, etc. It is important that Greeters be available at 9am to welcome people in/back. Caryn will do an All Saints' timeline for the last three years (Caryn, if you want to put the pictures from the photo activity book on the timeline, that is fine. We can put them back in the book later. If you want to put post its on individual pictures you really like through the years, I'll use that to select the ones I put in the slide show)

Video: JOHN will come up with pictures from the last three years (assuming he has the time before Nov 6) and do a DVD to play on the big

screen, which we'll put probably by the buffet tables so people can watch as they pick up food. Perhaps using pictures Caryn selects above.