

On Behalf Of Cathy Blackney

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To: ecwboard

Subject: [Alabama ECW Board] Women's Weekend Report

Hello all. I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting this Tuesday, but wanted to be sure to let you know that Women's Weekend is really starting to come together.

Hear is what we have going so far.

Our speakers, Bob and Kay Blackwell, were secured before the end of the year. Although he is unfamiliar with Women's Weekend, and she has never attended, they are very excited to give it all they've got. They have 3 sessions scheduled, and he has offered to do the Eucharist service Saturday morning. He will be paid \$300, plus we pay for their room and meals for the weekend. The Alms collection will go to camp, unless the ECW Board thinks it would be better to buy something for camp with the proceeds. That's what we did last year with the lamps in the dorm.

Sue Jeffries from Good Shepherd has the music well in hand. She and Sharon Landis did such a good job last year. I trust all will go well there.

I contacted Cindy Funderburk, from the Episcopal Bookstore, and formally invited the bookstore to set up as they usually do. The bookstore will be in Eppes Hall through Saturday evening, and maybe even Sunday morning.

The Silent Auction is in the very capable hands of Kathy Burkett from Good Shepherd. Please encourage attendees to bring something to place in the auction. Proceeds from the auction go to ECW Scholarship Fund. The Silent Auction will run from the time of Registration through Saturday night.

Currently I am working on the Poolside Compline that everyone loved last year. I have an email out to the Women's Weekend Committee to see if there is anyone willing to take this on, but so far no takers. Since I don't really plan to set the program of the weekend to print until the week or so before WW, I still have some time to either get this pulled together or scrub it completely. I will cover the cost of paper for the programs.

The workshops have really come together the past few weeks:

Linda Miller (from Good Shepherd, who did the Hat-making class last year) will be doing a Japanese Sumi-e (Ink) painting class. She says it's really very easy.

Shirly Hammond has agreed to do the Belly Dancing class again this year.

Mark (from camp) put me in touch with the Camp McDowell Folk School, and after several emails and even lunch together, the Folk School will be doing 3 workshops for us. Quilt making, Mosaics, and Scrap Booking. We will need to reimburse the Folk School for supplies, but they aren't charging us for their time.

I plan to rent a Karaoke machine again this year, since it was so much enjoyed last year. The cost is about \$75.

I will also rent a movie for Saturday night for those that don't care to Karaoke. I will cover the rental of the movie. I will also cover the cost of tableclothes to help "dress up" Eppes Hall. I do have a group working on centerpieces for the tables.

The most recent development has just happened in the past few days, and I'm so excited. Cindy from the bookstore called and said she found herself working on something but it occurred to her she hadn't discussed it with me. Rev. Richard Losch (Ret.) has written a book called All the People in the Bible - An A to Z Guide to the Saints, Scoundrels, and Other Characters in Scripture which is due to be released May 1st. Rev. Losch has happily agreed to do a book signing Saturday afternoon from noon(ish) to 4 or 5 p.m. I am so thrilled!! I'm sure Cindy will have plenty of copies of this book on hand.

Sally Sinclair is currently working on getting the Registraton form to where anyone can register online. The payment for the weekend still needs to be sent to Talma, and an address is given. The page looks wonderful, and it is very easy to use. I'm not sure if it is available right this minute, but it will be in the next day or 2. I suggested she put a link back to the form page for those that wish to register multiple people. As it is right now it's difficult to navigate back. If you haven't already sent your registration in, be sure to check the alabama ecw website.

The meals have all been placed with camp. We will have dinner Friday night, breakfast Saturday, lunch Saturday (all veggie), dinner Saturday (Mark is going to cook for us), and breakfast Sunday morning at 8:30. **The cost of meals this year is \$6.00 per person per meal.** The cost of meals and rooms are the same as last year. There were no increases.

I'm sure you've been waiting for the shoe to drop, and here it is. I'm having trouble getting anywhere on the Wine and Unwind. It was suggested to me that I get in touch with Talma and have her let me know the contact info on the registration forms she receives. I then get in touch with that person and ask them to bring something specific (wine, a fruit plate, cheese and crackers, etc.), and let it come together this way. I think it's a pretty good idea, and considering the Wine and Unwind is after compline on Friday night, it will be late and everyone will be either tired or full or both. We don't need tons of food for this event, although any left-overs can be used Saturday night. And doing it this way may keep us from having to reimburse for food/wine. I would like some input from the Board on this matter.

I think I've about covered everything. Again, I wish I were able to attend the meeting, but can't wait to show you all photos of my new granddaughter!

See you soon.

Cathy Blackney

Women's Weekend Coordinator