

ALBANY UU SERVICE OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Service Opportunity Name/Title: Annual Dinner Team Member

Service Opportunity Brief Description:

Organize, set up and carry out congregation's annual dinner, including staging of a parody skit.

Service Opportunity Detailed Description:

The annual dinner is a time for fellowship and fun and is held in April each year. Planning for the dinner starts in April of the prior year when the venue is selected and a deposit is made for a banquet hall. The number of participants to the annual dinner is approximately 120 people. By November, the dinner menu is verified with the venue.

In January, preparations begin for development of the annual skit. The Skit director and skit Subteam work together to select the theme and the songs, and write the song parodies. This group also coordinates assignment of songs and skit roles.

Once songs are selected, the Team procures the necessary music. The Team has a budget to use for their purchases. Once the music is selected, music professionals (hired or voluntary) create vocal tracks for the various parts. A storyline is written and performers are enlisted. Fortunately, there are many performers who contribute their talent to this event every year. Rehearsals begin in February.

In March, the Dinner Subteam creates the dinner invitation and emails it to congregation members. They will also have a table for members to sign up for the dinner at coffee hour. The Church administrator helps the Team with keeping track of payments, depositing checks and keeping records of attendees.

In preparation for the dinner, the Team prepares nametags and meal selection cards, develops seating plans and assigns members to staff the welcome table. As they develop the seating arrangements, the Team takes into consideration attendee's stated wishes for who they would like to sit with. They also ensure that newer members are seated with longer-term members.

Length of Service Commitment: 3-12 months: 12 months for a member of the Annual Dinner Subteam member; 3 months for a Skit Subteam member.

This opportunity will enable you to help members find fellowship and have fun; feel a sense of accomplishment for a successful event; feel the satisfaction of teamwork as they revel in "We did it!"

Skills Needed: Music, writing, parody skills for Skit SubTeam. Willing hands and planning skills for Dinner Subteam.

Training, assistance, and safety requirements: On the job training.

Number of positions available: no limit

Key Words: Singing, Performing, Annual Dinner Skit