



2018 has come to a successful end and planning for 2019 has begun!

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Recap of 2018

Active participation is necessary to make an event successful. Some 200 people were involved during 2018 in one capacity or another. Volunteer hours were estimated around 1,500, but who can count when you are having so much fun?

Yes, we did make money. **The final profit number after all expenses is \$6,165.**

We had anticipated total revenues and expenses in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range. This was quite accurate since total money passing through our checking account was \$28,000.

Cash collected on the day of the event was **\$10,265!**

It was estimated that 800 people attended our event. Can you imagine how many would have come if the weather had been better?

The team met its goal of contributing to the Capital Construction fund to help with our extensive building costs.

What went well?

(A lot! But we'll start with just this.)

- * Overall feedback from our volunteers concludes that the event went well for the first time.
- * Many visitors (attendees, vendors and the band) expressed interest and the desire to return next year.
- * Those who attended the event enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to a repeat.
- * The band was a great contributor to the success and we are booking them for 2019.
- * Loved those brats! They were a big hit.
- * Nice selection of vendors and products for sale.

How can we improve?

(In many ways! But we'll start with just this.)

- * Take charge cards. We are working on this one.
- * Make more locations where folks can buy tickets.
- * Recruit more volunteers, and provide better training. Now that we know what is needed, this will be easier to accomplish.
- * Provide a larger tent for the band. Who knew it would be so popular?
- * Provide larger tents for crafts and German goods so they can be seen more easily.
- * Eliminate the sauerbraten and stick to the brats.

Planning for 2019 is Under Way!

Save the Date!

Spread the News!

Christkindlmarkt 2019
Saturday, November 23

On January 27, we had the celebratory luncheon (Thanks to **Kristi Wade and the Fellowship team**) to share the good news of our success. Funds generated from that event were about \$400 which will be used to begin funding this year's kitty.

Sign up sheets were available for folks to indicate their interest in helping out for the 2019 Event. Please respond positively when you get a follow up call. We recognized the need to begin early, so this is not a preliminary request.

Further, **Pr. Bob Kuppler** is going to be putting together an Organizational Chart for the Team and come up with job descriptions for the numerous tasks involved.

If there is something that you would like to be in charge of, or do for the 2019 event, please let Pr. Bob know asap. He may be reached at bobkuppler@gmail.com

There will be mini-fundraisers throughout the year to generate awareness and keep up the enthusiasm. **Please be on the lookout for announcements.** Also, if you have any suggestions, let the Finance Office know (Joan or Carol), or call Carol at 516-835-1214.



2019 Planning Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly beginning **February 25th**. All meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m., in the Library. As we get closer to the November 23rd event, meetings will be held more frequently. We will publish the dates *well in advance*, to give you ample notice.

Memories of Christkindlmarkt 2018

