

## Report from Strategic Planning Committee 2019-2020

- Fun-Raising Events - We had two cooking classes at Schola Cooking school - Moroccan Cooking on Wed. Jan. 15 (27 attended) and Making Soups (17 attended) on Tues. Feb. 4, 2020. Everyone brought wine - People had a great time - Smiles all around - Recipes sent to all who attended.
- On February 3, 2020, Susan and Bert met with Bob McLean who is head of Facilities and Real Estate for Hopkins. We explained what we do, our situation at the Carriage House and our space requirements for the BDS. He promised to begin the search to help us find new space on the Hopkins campus. He followed up and says he has nothing to offer us.
- On Nov. 7, 2019 we met with Steve Rum who is head of development at Hopkins to ask for his help in finding a new venue for the BDS. Prior to COVID quarantine he got back to us and indicated that one member of the board of trustees who had possible pop-up space to offer us. He has not followed up with us any further.
- Discussions initiated on possible new Women's Board fund raiser. The most popular was Bourbon, BBQ and Bluegrass. We would have a bourbon tasting possibly run by Tobacco Barn Distillery with BBQ from Mission BBQ and a bluegrass band like Whiskey Rebellion playing bluegrass music. There would be a silent auction focusing on food and alcohol items. Schola has already offered to give us a gift certificate for a class at their cooking school. Members would be encouraged to bring spouses, friends and family. The event could possibly be at Evergreen House. Many board members have expressed interest in participating and helping to plan this fun event. Waiting for COVID quarantine to end so we can plan further.

Respectfully submitted,

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