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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

RE: Jazz Brunch 2025 Committee Report

Committee:	Jazz Brunch 2025
Project Scope:	Planning and executing inaugural Jazz Brunch fundraising event for TSU Scholarship
Date of Project:	August 2 2025
Project Status:	Ongoing

Good evening Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brothers

On behalf of the committee here are the following updates for the Jazz Brunch:

Venue:

Smyrna Event Center

- ◆ Venue has in-house catering,
- ◆ Liquor is allowed to be brought in and served by a licensed bartender for a fee (fee is listed in itemized costs below)
 - **Newest development-** The sale of alcohol is prohibited at this venue; drink tickets can be sold prior to the event, but not at the event center
- **The itemized costs go as follows:**
 - **Stage Fee for the band : \$375**
 - **Room Rental: \$1150**
 - **18% Production Charge: \$1088.82**
 - **Sales Tax: \$695.94**
 - **Food and Beverage (\$32.95 per person for 120 guests): \$3954**
 - **Bartender portable bar fee \$570**
 - ❖ **Approximate total costs \$7833.76**
- Contract has been signed, but to reserve this date officially with the venue, a deposit of \$1150 will need to be made no later than 2/17
- As of 2/13 , the venue deposit of \$1150 has been made, securing the venue for the date of 8/2/25.

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Food

- Prices per plate are **\$32.95**
- A Contract and Banquet Event Order (BEO) will be issued to all parties after menu selections and details are made. These forms need to be completed not less than 30 days before your event.
- Head counts and estimates are due to the catering office 7 days prior to the vent.
- Serving will be buffet style that will remain open for 1.5 hours once the dining begins; 40 people minimum required
- **The following Menu Items will be available**

- ◆ Buttermilk Biscuits
- ◆ Bacon
- ◆ Sausage (patties or links)
- ◆ Homemade Grits
- ◆ Sausage Gravy
- ◆ Scrambled Eggs
- ◆ Fried Potatoes
- ◆ Fried Chicken and Waffles

Condiments:

Butter

Jelly

Beverages:

- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Fruit juices
- ◆ Ice water

Libations/Bartending

- As stated above in the venue section, Full mixed portable bar has a charge of \$4.75 per person (accounting for 120 guest that will be a fee of **\$570**)includes portable bar rental, ice, juices, sodas, cups, napkins straws and garnishes. Upon gaining clarity with the manager, direct liquor sales are not allowed and pre-sold drink offers that are included in the tickets would need to be executed.
- The breakout for libations would in the realm of \$1500, but that will be at no cost to us as anonymous donor has agreed to provide the alcohol.

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Live Music/DJ

- Bro. Norcross has agreed to provide live music; Still waiting to solidify availability and rate; last year's rate was **\$700** for a trio, but from prior experience of last year's event suggested adding another member which would bring the fee to \$900. Since 2/1 he has agreed to the date and contract has been requested.
- Markaveous Leake (DJ KVO) has agreed to DJ for **\$60** – DJ has been booked.

Decorations

- We are currently in discussion with Sis. Dominique Overton to oversee decorations and to provide availability and rate An estimate of **\$800** was given ,which is to include
 - Customized Floral Centerpieces for tables
 - Welcome Sign
 - Monogram grass wall photo option
 - Decorative set up and take down service
- **To date, grand total costs are approximately \$9633.76**
- **Excluding libations that will be donated, the grand total costs will be \$10205**
- **To meet a break-even margin(with the libations being donated) we could sell tickets at \$75 per person, \$600 for a table, which seats 8 ppl; Last year we sold 136 tickets, that would be the number needed to break even - the goal this year for us is to sell 180 tickets; at the 2/6 RSC The Body suggested 120 tickets is more ideal.**

Ticket Costs:

Given the bar situation, the committee wants to present a concept of including drinks within the ticket price. Suggestions are as follows:

\$100 for a single ticket (open bar included)

\$75 for a single ticket (no alcohol)

\$150 for couples (alcohol included)

\$600 per table (endless mimosas while supplies last)

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Highlights and Updates:

Venue

- **As of 2/13 the deposit has been made to secure the date of 8/2 at the Smyrna Event Center**
- **Ticket Costs suggestions (discussions are still ongoing) :**
 - \$100 for a single ticket (open bar included)
 - \$75 for a single ticket (no alcohol)
 - \$150 for couples (open bar included)
 - \$600 per table (endless mimosas while supplies last)

Live Music/DJ

- DJ has been secured at no charge
- Band -Quartet costs will be \$900. Since 2/1 he has agreed to the date and a contract has been requested.

Humbly Submitted,
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