PARKING – IDEAS ARISING FROM OUR FIRST MEETING – WED 9 MAY 2012

MUSIC

* Have music in different places – wandering minstrels
* Get commitment from performers – plan early

STALLS

* Have a Christian Community Booth – info stall
* Sweet stall
* Michael Mount School stall
* More adult stalls
* Have a briefing of all organizational aspects beforehand
* No-one makes money – pure donations – can reclaim expenses
* Number the stalls – make them stand out more
* Stall holders responsible for own décor and signs

FOOD

* Have a table fill of goodies and treats
* Offer ethnic food
* Get ideas from the Biscuit mill Juta Str.
* More finger food
* Speedy service important
* Provide food all day – breakfast needed for set up people and stall holders

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

* Beeswax
* Lino/Screen printing
* More Christmas crafts
* No lunch break

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

* Do advent spiral
* Activities on property across the road
* More games –
  + - egg & spoon races
    - sack races
    - wheel barrow races
    - pin the donkey
    - coconut shy
* helium balloon messages/wishes

MARKETING

* Sell booklets of tickets beforehand
* Write to neighbouring schools - newsletters e.g. St. Stithians, St. Peters, Crawford, Bryanston, Fourways, etc.
* Anthony Higgins is a copy writer – ask for his help
* Do larger raffle to outside people
* Build relationship with journalists – offer coffee & cake
* Do premium rated sms’s – get people who attend to sms if they enjoyed the fair – money goes into church account

LOGISTICS

* More toilets
* Separate entrance and exit – better flow and secuirty
* Close road
* New layout and flow of public – entrance at small gate – public walk through whole property before landing up in the food court.
* Good neighborliness – notify neighbors and give signs “please do not park in front of this gate”
* Offer car wash for parked cars

MONEY

* Use money bags strapped onto waist for ticket/cash collecting.
* Use pins to secure tickets
* Another card machine
* Create an Advent Fair office space – pre-fair and on the day
* Make all planning and organizational aspects available for all to see
* Fundraise to pay for an admin/co-ordination person