

**MINUTES**  
**Holy Family Parish**  
**Family Life Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 5, 2013**

**Present:** Verna Panka, Jeri Kluesner, Maury Oehler & Letty Oehler, Doris Krogman,  
Nancy Becker

**Absent:** Mark & Ann Grunwald, Mary Prindle, Shirley Cipra, Mary Novey

Meeting opened with prayer to the Holy Spirit at 6:10 in Verna's home. Minutes accepted as read. Account balance is \$673.43.

The committee decided to pay for the cost of a new batch of glaze for the **angel project**...\$115.39. Diane Day donates her time and experience to produce the angels so paying for supplies is an appropriate use of our funds. A new list of names of parish deceased was given to Nancy Becker so that she can type up and print the new prayer cards.

We need more **welcome** pamphlets for the back of both churches. A short description of the J-walkers and the men's prayer group will be added to the pamphlet. Jeri Kluesner will follow up with this and will contact Rose Ziel to print more copies.

**Teaching the Way of Love** program is still on hold. Maury Oehler reported that several people have examined the curriculum outline and the associated books for this program. However, no one has not heard back from Alice Heinzen nor Fr. Weighner about dates for training of staff and parents on how to use the information. This has been mandated by the diocese for implementation over the next two years.

The committee examined a list of books and DVD in the LaCrosse Roads publication as possibilities for use in the **Faith Alive** Bible study program. These could be borrowed from the diocese so that no cost was necessary for our parishioners. We need volunteers to lead these sessions. Will Ann Grunwald get this going again?

**Fr. Jack Wambach** will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, September 22 by returning to Prairie du Chien. There will be a planning meeting on Sept. 10 to plan the party. Interested persons are asked to attend. Doris Krogman gave us an overview of some of the preliminary plans: Mass at St. Gabriel's 10:00, potluck from 11-3:00 at St. Gabriel's Hall. Norb Aschom will MC a short "roast" of Fr. Jack, school children will perform "Little Red School House"; a DJ will play music for the event including chicken dance and hokey pokey (which Fr. J enjoys). Doris will display photos and news clippings about Fr. Jack's time with us. Still need someone to donate flowers or funds to produce a video about his life. He will stay in PdC for a week after the celebration to meet with those who are unable to attend the event.

The **Mass of Remembrance** will be coming up this fall. It will be held at St. John's church this year. Doris agreed to work on this project again and Nancy will contact Mary Novey (she has the information on her computer). Date must be set and agreed upon by Fr. W. Also, need to ask Fr. W. to order the special candles again this year.

The **future of the Family Life Committee** was the final topic of conversation. Kristine Henna, our current secretary, has moved away due to her husband's job transfer. Mary Prindle has agreed to be our new secretary starting at the next meeting.

Verna expressed concerns about the need for new committee members. It was suggested and agreed that each current member will contact & invite someone from the parish to our next meeting. Nancy is contacting Dick & Annie Beinborn; Doris is contacting the Frommelts; Jeri is contacting Stu & Cathy Bosworth; Letty is contacting Bouzeks. Committee members not in attendance are also asked to invite someone.

The committee discussed whether to hold fewer meetings or to continue monthly meetings (except in the summer). It was decided to retain the monthly meetings.

Verna shared that she is often overwhelmed by the duties of chairperson for this committee. It was decided that members would take over as project chairpersons. The volunteers for this so far are: Doris and Mary—Mass of Remembrance

Jeri and Nancy---Angel Project

Faith Alive---Ann Grunwald

Mission in 2014---Maury and Letty

Our **next meeting** will be on either Wednesday, October 2 or Thursday, October 3 at Oehler's home. Verna will finalize the date and contact us. Meeting closed with prayer for those who are ill in our parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker