

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Present: Verna Panka, Mary Prindle, Ann Meyer, Maury & Lettie Oehler, Mary Novey, Ann Grunwald, Nancy Becker

Absent: Kristine Henna, Doris Krogman, Jeri Kluesner, Mark Grunwald, Shirley Cipra

Meeting opened with prayer and called to order at 6:35 in Verna's home. Minutes accepted as read. Account balance is 618.76 + \$45 commission check from Mission sale for a total of \$663.76. Mary Prindle still needs to be reimbursed for \$11.46 costs from the Mission social event.

A **church library** has now been established with books and materials displayed in back of church. Marilyn Oconesak is in charge and has now established a sign-out procedure. Fr. W must approve of materials people would like to add and then they can be displayed. Verna will share the videos of the mission with this library and Maury has some books he would like to share.

Ann Meyer gave a presentation to explain one way of implementing more prayer and honor to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** as well as bringing special graces to ourselves, families, homes and parish. She shared a handout on the *Enthronement & Consecration of the **Sacred Heart** as King of the Family*. Committee discussed the possibility of supplying young families with a photo of Jesus as the Sacred Heart and an explanation of the enthronement process. Ann will contact other parishes to find out how they have implemented this practice and will report back at our next meeting.

Diane Day has completed samples of **angel** statuettes made from new molds for us to consider. Committee decided that a variety would be nice and voted to reimburse her for the cost of the molds...\$90. She donates her labor and the other supplies needed. Members selected names from list for delivery of angels to next of kin and Nancy will produce additional prayer cards. Verna will send a get well card to Diane because of her surgery.

Jeri Kluesner is working on an update of the **Welcome** booklet for new parishioners. Mary N. will help her. Maury will check on the # of new parishioners with our next meeting focused on planning for the Welcome Breakfast to be held in April at St. John's.

There will be no **Confirmation prayer partners** this year because the Bishop has changed the age in our diocese from 8th grade to 10th grade.

Ann announced plans to pursue forum idea for educating parishioners about why the church takes the stand that they do on **Plan B and birth control**.

Faith Alive study group is beginning a new series on Mondays. It will be the study of women saints led by Vickie Samples. The Sunday night session will resume during Lent and will focus on prayer, led by Dr. Ann. She has tentatively selected a book for discussion.

Committee members received handouts on the **Martha & Mary women's conference** to be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Grand River Center in Dubuque, IA. \$48 registration fee and walk-in registration will be accepted with an additional \$10 fee.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 28** at Verna's house at 6:30 p.m. Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker, Secretary