

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Present: Verna Panka, Mary Prindle, Kristine Henna, Doris Krogman, Maury Oehler, Lettie Oehler, Jeri Kluesner, Mark Grunwald (arrived at 6:50)

Absent: Nancy Becker, Shirley Cipra, Ann Grunwald, Mary Novey

Meeting opened with a prayer and called to order at 6:40. Minutes accepted as written. Our account balance is \$618.76 plus \$100 from Mike Garrity.

Mike Garrity donated \$100 in appreciation of angel in memory of Wendy. Donation was to be used for new votive candles – VP will check if entire donation used. VP shared a thank you note from Evelyn Waller and family in appreciation of the angel in memory of Bob as well as the Mass of Remembrance.

VP has five more angels for the **Angel Project** but did not have the list with her. Members will let VP know if they would like an angel and she will get the angels to them for delivery, preferably before Christmas.

Mission was successful; there were many comments – almost all good, very good attendance – Fr. W and Fr. S were very happy with turn-out, Confessions were also well attended. Determined that we should plan for the next mission to be in two years at about the same time as this one (second/third week of November). Would recommend same speaker if he had a different message, otherwise invite a new speaker. Should be receiving a check from the mission store for our percentage of sales – this was not pre-arranged with Masters Touch so no check from them. In the future, be sure to ask about percentage given to us prior to the mission. Briefly discussed whether it was beneficial to have a mission store each night and possibility of having a small social each night since store had best turn-out on the final evening during the social. MP needs to be reimbursed for the social (\$11.46).

Mass of Remembrance was well-attended with many family members from out-of-town. There were 35 names – one was left off list during song, many apologies sent to family. About 20 candles were not picked up and will be used for vigil.

Teaching the Way of Love is required by the Diocese to be presented to the parents and students in all parishes. This is up to Fr. W and the principal to plan, but nothing is underway yet. Members should keep encouraging them to do so as we think this is an important issue that should be discussed. VP thinks it involves three sessions covering self-worth, sexuality, chastity, etc.

Welcome Breakfast was tabled until spring at August meeting – should start thinking about dates though. JK will work on updating **Welcome Booklets**. Discussed possibility of having

members meet with new parishioners to welcome them to the parish and provide them with information about different committees and/or ways to become involved beyond attending Mass on the weekend. Currently FLC is not given names of new parishioners. MG will tell Parish Council that FLC would like to reinforce Fr. W's welcome.

Ann Meyer and Mary Jane Mezera would like to talk to FLC about ways to incorporate more traditional ways of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary** into our parish. VP will invite them to the next meeting.

In **other** business, MG talked about issues related to recent recommendation that Plan B be provided OTC for all ages and the HHS mandate. MG believes many people don't understand why the Church feels the way it does about these issues and the biology involved with birth control. He would like to somehow present information on the following three areas: the medical aspect (MG and AG would discuss), Natural Family Planning (ask couples who practice to discuss), and the theology behind these issues (ask Fr. W to discuss). Unsure of best way to present – in homily, lay person presenting just before final prayer at Mass, bulletin insert, or evening/weekend presentation in church hall. No decisions made, but should consider as this is indeed a "Family Life" issue.

Next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 after prayer.