

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Present: Verna Panka, Mary Novey, Nancy Becker, Doris Krogman,
Maurie & Lettie Oehler, Mark & Ann Grunwald

Absent: Donna Cipra, Jeri Kluesner, Shirley Cipra, Rob & Vicki Samples,
John Chaffee

Meeting opened at 7:10 with a prayer by Verna in St. Gabriels's School cafeteria.
Motion by Mary to accept the minutes, 2nd by Verna.

Account balance is \$587.29. Nancy and Mary wrote a letter to the Joint Finance Committee to request operating funds of \$200 for next year (copy of the proposal distributed to the committee members). We have not received a response from them regarding this.

Angel Project prayer cards are up to date and angels should be ready for delivery in a week. List was passed around for members to sign up for delivery. Group received a wonderful thank you from a parishioner.

A sample grief **support group** pamphlet was shown to group leader, Doris Krogman. She may develop a pamphlet for our parish based on this. She is also planning to do a recruitment for new participants in the bulletin sometime soon.

Father Weighner informed Verna that there are several new parishioners. Verna will contact Mark Forsythe to see if his group would be willing to serve the **Welcome Breakfast** again this year and to find out what dates they have available. Jeri is following up on the printing of the booklets. Mary will gather a list of names and addresses from Lana and Fr. Weighner. We will continue plans at the next meeting.

The first session of the **Faith Alive Bible Study**, September 12, was very well attended with 23 present and three more planning to attend by the next session. Study meetings will now change to two groups—one on Sunday evening at 6:30 and one on Monday morning at 10:00. They will meet every other week with the 2nd session beginning on September 26/27. The group will be using the St. Ignatius study booklet for the Book of Luke and the New Revised Catholic Catechism. Lucille, from Avalo, ordered the books for us and was very pleased that we purchased them from their store. We will need to order some additional books because the group is so large.

Maurie reported that we had 17 people participate in the **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** in September 11. The group enjoyed the Mass and walking the stations, the movie and lunch. They did not receive the requested tour of the shrine because there was also an unexpected large group of 400 from the LaCrosse and

Minnesota area. Over 200,000 pilgrims came to the shrine last year and they may hit 300,000 this year.

Mary did not write a letter to Fr. Weighner regarding **Totus Tuus** but did talk to him informally. He was pleased with the participation and hopes that it grows. This led to a discussion of the need for an organized **youth ministry** in the parish and the lack of funds available to hire someone to coordinate and lead a program. Discussion also covered the need for **new members on the parish council committee** so that it can function more effectively. One name was suggested at this time. Discussion also covered diocesan reorganization and identified resources available from the diocese to provide support for parish activities. Mark will take our concerns and ideas to the next parish council meeting.

Verna is in the process of finalizing the details of the **Marriage Enrichment Program** to be presented by Jeff and Alice Heinzen at Coach Restaurant on Saturday, November 13. The theme will be *Men are like waffles-- Women are like spaghetti*. The evening will begin at 6:00 and will include a dinner before the presentation. Sample promotional materials were handed out to committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

Plans are beginning for the **All Souls Day Mass**. It is celebrated at each church on an alternate year basis. This year we are tentatively scheduling it for Sunday, October 31 at 11:00 at St. John's. Doris will talk to Fr. Weighner to get his approval of this date and time. Mary will be in charge of preparing the candles and name plates. Nancy and Verna will be in charge of sending out the invitation letters to families of deceased parishioners. Other details will be worked out at our next meeting (music, announcing names, lighting of candles, *Book of Life*, etc).

Announced that Madison Diocese is sponsoring a *Special Feast* daylong event with a speaker on **Charismatic Renewal** on October 23 for anyone who is interested.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 in St. Gabriel's School teacher lounge. Meeting closed with a prayer and special intentions of committee members.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Becker