

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Present: Maurie Oehler, Donna Cipra, John Chaffee, Verna Panka, Nancy Becker, Jeri Kluesner

Absent: Doris Drogman, Ann & Mark Grunwald, Shirley Cipra, letti Oehler, Mary Novey, Rob & Vicki Samples, Virginia Lochner

Meeting opened with a prayer at St. Gabriel's school teacher lounge. Minutes were approved as written except for a correction on the date of Confirmation (April 25). Account balance is \$621.29.

Committee members volunteered to deliver angels and prayer cards for the **Angel Project**. Nancy needs to re-print one card with incorrect date and Verna will soon get a new list of names to her.

Letters were sent to **prayer partners** regarding confirmation. Students will be given names of their prayer partners at the Saturday retreat and encouraged to write a thank you.

Faith Alive study groups meeting on Sunday nights have completed their sessions. Monday group only meets every other week and still has three sessions to go. Those who have participated really enjoyed the lessons, in particular, the references to Biblical passages and the ensuing discussions. The committee decided to take a break for the summer and start a new study group in the fall. Members are asked to bring ideas and samples of study guides with them to our next meeting.

Welcome Committee: There seems to be no need for a welcome breakfast this year as there are no new parishioners to our knowledge. The RCIA participants are not ready to join the parish at this time. Nancy will remind Mary Novey (committee chair) to doublecheck with the parish secretaries to make sure that there are no new parishioners. Mary will also make sure that the booklets designed by the welcome committee have been printed and that there are copies in the rear of each church. Cost of a printer cartridge will be reimbursed if a request is made by Rose Ziel (printed the booklets).

Mary Novey sent a written report on the **trip to Madison** to see the U.W. marching band performance. It is attached to the minutes.

Maurie Oehler reported on plans for the parish **pilgrimage** to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. Father Weighner told him to go ahead and make the arrangements and that he will participate if he is available. Maurie found out that the Shrine wants notice that our group is coming one week in advance so they can get guides. We would meet prior to 9:30 and then participate in an orientation. From 10:00 – 10:45 participants can go to

Confession, walk the Stations of the Cross, follow the Rosary Walk, or go to the gift shop. Mass is at 11:00 with lunch following. There is a tour of the Shrine Church at 1:00. The committee selected Saturday, September 11 for our tentative date. Maurie will finalize plans and report back to us next month.

Recognition and blessings for those with **anniversaries and birthdays** is on hold until Father Weighner gets an associate pastor.

Parish goodbye breakfast for Pat Smith and Nell Bowar was cancelled at their request. Instead, each will be given a framed photo of St. John's church and signed cards wishing them well. The cards will be available in the back of church after Mass. Donna Cipra will take care of this project.

Rosary leaders for May are still in short supply. Jeri Kluesner had only one volunteer but is actively recruiting others for the rosary at St. Gabriel's. She requested that someone else volunteer to coordinate the volunteers for St. John's. Donna Cipra will contact Jan Duve and Doris Krogman to see if they would be willing to volunteer. Other names mentioned to lead the rosary at St. John's were Jerry Cummings, Verna Panka and Cecile Benda.

Donna Cipra did a wonderful job of typing up a composite list of volunteers from the **Survey**. She gave a copy to Father W. and to the parish secretaries. Verna will talk to Father about making sure committee chairpersons get of copy of the list and will encourage him to read the comments that were written in the surveys.

Verna reported on an idea from the LaCrosse Roads newsletter regarding **Marriage Enrichment program**.

The **next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 in St. John's Parish Hall. Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Becker

**Report to Family Life Committee
RE: U.W. Marching Band Outing to Madison**

April 21, 2010

The trip to see the performance of the U.W. Marching Band took place on Thursday, April 15th. Everyone gathered in the Piggly Wiggly parking lot with the bus leaving shortly after 4:00 p.m. There were 21 parishioners who signed up for the trip with the remainder of the bus filled with other community members.

The performance took place in the Kohl Center. We all had great seats, about four rows up from the main floor. I heard many positive comments about the performance.

Transportation through Warco was very good and overall I thought it was a positive experience for those who attended.

I was thinking that in the future it would be nice to offer a day trip that would be more of a religious nature and combine with other area parishes to fill a bus. I know Merle Frommelt has successfully done this in the past. Any ideas?

Submitted by,
Mary Novey