

MINUTES
Family Life Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Present: Verna Panka, Maury Oehler, Letti Oehler, Mary Novey, Nancy Becker

Absent: Donna Cipra, Doris Krogman, Jeri Kluesner, Mark & Ann Grunwald, John Chaffee, Shirley Cipra, Rob & Vicki Samples

Meeting call to order at 7:05 with a prayer. Minutes accepted as written.

Account balance reported at \$524.04 with \$200 still due from the parishes.

The **Angel Project** is continuing. Verna needs to get names to Nancy so she can do the prayer cards. There are seven blessed angels available and more are in process. Diane appreciated the card we sent to her.

The **Welcome breakfast** is being postponed until later in 2011. September 11 is still the suggested date. Verna will contact Greg Quick or Mark Forsythe to formalize date. Questions about whether the booklets are being used and the need for printing more. Concern that we are not getting a complete list of names of new parishioners and desire to invite all new parish attendees. Jeri Kluesner will check on booklet distribution and new parishioners.

Support group—No report

Parish nursing—No report

Verna talked with Mrs. Jo today and she felt that the **prayer partner project** went very well and was confident that all of the students were contacted at least once. There were mixed feelings about releasing the name of the prayer partner right away instead of keeping it a secret. No formal note of appreciation was required this year although students included their prayer partners in daily petitions. Suggestion was made to include a social event such as a Confirmation Breakfast for participants next year.

Mary will return the **Diocesan Resource** binder to Verna and then it will be returned to the diocese. Lettie will pass along a liturgy resource book to committee members for their perusal.

The question of whether to finish the study of Gospels of Luke and then take a break for **Faith Alive** was discussed. Decided that it would be best to let the groups decide how to proceed.

Father Weighner is in favor of scheduling a **special blessing for couples** newly married and for those celebrating an anniversary. Fr. W. will ask those with an anniversary during that month to stand for the special blessing. We need to select one weekend Mass

per month, alternating between St. Gabriel's and St. John's. The group decided that the first Sunday of the month would be the best time. Nancy will write up an announcement for the bulletin during the finals weeks in May.

The group decided to table the discussion on involvement with **Totus Tuus** until next month. Parish council has pursued finding someone to take on a **summer internship** in our parishes to assist with youth programing. One female, who was involved in the Net Retreat, has responded to the inquiry and we are being asked to help locate a room for rent.

Next meeting will be held on May 18 at 7:00 in St. Gabriel's teacher lounge. Meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker