

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Present: Mary Novey, Verna Panka, Jeri Kluesner, Nancy Becker

Absent: Maury & Lettie Oehler, Doris Krogman

Meeting called to order at 7:00 in the teacher lounge at St. Gabriel's School and opened with a prayer. September minutes accepted as written. Current balance is \$770 after receiving donations from the Welcome Breakfast and paying expenses.

Angel Project gift bags are ready for delivery. Nancy needs to purchase a new software program before she can make more prayer cards because her old one is not compatible with her new computer.

Maury received a response from the Fathers of Mercy and they are willing to send someone to our parish to run a **3-day Mission**. Fr. Weighner checked on dates available and discovered that they are booked through Lent. Committee decided that we will shoot for a mission in November 2012.

The 3rd session of the **Mass changes study** will be held this Sunday evening at 6:30 in St. John's school. Anyone still interested can still join as there are two booklets remaining for purchase. 25-30 people have been in attendance and the sessions have been well received. Maury is doing a wonderful job of preparing and presenting each session.

Fr. Weighner is now announcing the **blessing** for newlyweds and those celebrating an anniversary at each Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Positive comments and more couples are standing for the blessing now that Fr. W has taken time to explain and encourage them to stand.

Verna will put an announcement into the bulletin regarding sign-up for **Confirmation Prayer Partner project**. Sign-up will take place at all Masses on the 2nd week in November. There are 18 Prairie Catholic students and 18 eighth graders in CCD. Mary will pick up the sign-up sheets from St. John's and Jeri will pick up the sheets from St. Gabriel's. Verna will do the matches and contact letters to partners. (According to a previous discussion in our committee, we will not tell who the prayer partner is until just before Confirmation as we used to do in the past.)

The committee volunteered to **print and stuff the bulletins** with inserts on Monitoring the media and Parenting Tips but Fr. W has given no indication that we can proceed. Verna will contact him again. Also discussed an alternate flier that was found in the LaCrosse Roads monthly publication.

Terri Connell and Shirley Cipra will introduce **the new Mass responses** and music for the *Gloria* and *Holy, Holy* at the Sunday Mass. Rosary leaders will be contacted to finish well before the start of Mass so that this can be practiced. The music will be introduced at the Saturday Mass the following weekend.

The **Mass of Remembrance** in honor of parishioners who have died within the past year will be held at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, October 30 at St. Gabriel's church. (Alternates between the churches each year). Mary N. will contact Fr. W for approval of this project and will take care of sending out the invitations to families of the deceased this week. She will also contact Doris about getting the votive candles over to St. Gabriel's and putting names on each. They will also contact the sacristan at St. Gabriel's (maybe Deb Morovits or Marilyn???). Nancy will contact Shirley Cipra regarding the special music (*You Are Mine*) for this ceremony and will read the names at post-communion. Candles will be lit throughout the month of November and families can pick them up at the end of this time.

Marriage Enrichment activity is on hold. We need new members for our committee so that we can accomplish more and new activities.

Next meeting will be on November 16 at 7:00 in the teacher lounge of St. Gabriel's. Meeting closed with a prayer and petitions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker
FLC secretary