

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Present: Maury Oehler, Doris Krogman, Verna Panka, Donna Cipra, Jeri Kluesner, Mary Novey, Nancy Becker

Absent: Mark & Ann Grunwald, Lettie Oehler, John Chaffee, Shirley Cipra, Rob & Vicki Samples

Meeting opened at 7:05 with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Minutes accepted as written.

The parishes reimbursed our account for the \$200 stipend paid to Jeff & Alice Heinzen for the Marriage Enrichment event. Fr. Weighner and the finance council approved financial support request for \$100 from each parish per year (\$200 total). This brings our **current account balance** to \$724.04.

Prayer cards and blessed **angels** are ready for delivery. Committee members signed up for delivery but Verna needs to get candles for some of the bags. She will also get an updated list of deceased parishioners to Nancy (11/13 – today).

Welcome event has been postponed until spring because we have an inaccurate list of new parishioner names. Nancy and Mary will write up an announcement for Fr. W and the bulletin requesting new parishioners to make contact with our committee, deadline of February 15. Verna will contact Fr. Weighner and ask him to encourage new members to contact our group. Jeri and Nancy will field these calls and add new names to the list that Mary & Verna already have. Jeri will also check the back of church for presence of Welcome booklets and notify Rose Ziel if more need to be printed.

Doris reported that the **Support Group** will meet next week. Fr. Raj has agreed to co-facilitate the group as often as he is able. The new brochures have been placed in the back of church and the group will be promoted in the church bulletin.

Faith Alive Bible study group is still going well although numbers are smaller than those originally signed up. This particular series requires a strong and knowledgeable leader. Both Dr. Mark (Sunday session) and Vicki (Monday session) are doing an excellent job of providing that leadership. Fr. Weighner asked our group to review a book and study guide that might be used for a four week **Lenten study program** titled “*Open Wide the Door to Christ*” by S.C. Biela.

Confirmation **Prayer Partner** project is proceeding. Donna reported that 37 parishioners signed up. There are 36 students and 2-3 teachers. Letters matching volunteers to students will be in the mail before the weekend. This year it will *not* be a “secret” prayer partner. Volunteers are asked to contact their prayer partner before Valentine’s Day with a card or note in addition to their prayers.

Fr. Weighner gave Verna the OK to pursue Fr. Sam Martin as leader of a three-day **Mission-2011**. Verna will contact him within the next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Our group would like to sponsor recognition for individual **birthdays and anniversaries** within our parish. Verna will discuss this with Fr. Weighner.

Fr. Weighner is not aware of a **Diocesan Resource book** in our parish (described by Jeff and Alice Heinzen). Verna will contact them and request that they send a copy for us to preview.

NEW BUSINESS

Nellie Bowar contacted Donna about a youth group leader from Viroqua area who would like to plan an outing to Prairie du Chien, including a **tour of St. Gabriel's**. Mary Antoine may be willing to serve as a guide. Donna also reminded us about Jean Dillman's willingness to help with Totus Tuus and perhaps providing leadership for running a **youth ministry** in PdC if someone asked her and offered support.

Meeting closed with a prayer. **Next meeting** will be February 16 at 7:00 in the St. Gabriel's teacher lounge.