

Minutes
Holy Family Parish
Family Life Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Present: Verna Panka, Maury and Letty Oehler, Nancy Becker and Mary Prindle.

Absent: Mary Novey, Mark and Ann Grunwald, Doris Krogman, Shirley Cipra, and Jeri Kluesner.

The meeting opened with a prayer at 6:40 PM at Maury and Letty Oehler's home. The minutes were accepted as presented to the members in an e-mail. The balance in the Family Life Account is uncertain, it will be checked on and reported at the next meeting.

Letty reported she returned one of the angels to Verna so she could deliver it in Iowa. Diane has been paid for her materials. There are 3 or 4 angels ready to be delivered; Nancy will do the prayer cards.

Maury has the materials for "Teaching the Way of Love" series by Alice Heinzen. Verna called and left a message for Alice at the Diocese as to what should be done next. She hasn't heard anything back yet. We will wait to hear from her.

There wasn't anyone at the meeting to report on the Faith Alive Study Group. They meet each Sunday evening at 6:30 at the home of Mark and Ann Grunwald.

The Feast of All Souls Day Mass, celebration and candle lighting was done very nicely this year reported the members in attendance. Father W had a suggestion for next year. He suggested the candles be put in the back of the church before mass and have a family member or members carry the candle in ahead of father when he enters for mass. The candles would be put on a table in front and then the family members would take their seat. Not sure if there should be reserved seating in the front for them. It would be hard to determine how many to plan for. More discussion will follow.

There was nothing new to report on The Parish Forum.

Verna spoke to Father W, he has reserved the time with The Fathers of Mercy for a 5 day mission in November of 2014. It will be held from Sunday through Thursday, but not sure on the exact dates. There will be a Mission Store again hopefully each night of the Mission. Verna spoke to the manager of "Masters Choice" in Decorah to provide merchandise again this year. They will be glad to and have 10% of the proceeds go to the Family Life Committee.

Verna handed out a flyer called “Developing a Daily Habit of Conversing With Christ.” It had several suggestions on topics to start a discussion at a meeting. The members can read through this and decide if we want to incorporate some of these into our meetings.

New Business: The group needs to come up with some ideas or a topic that we can work on to improve religious life in our parish. Marriage enrichment may be something the group would be interested in. This will be discussed again at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be a Christmas Social at Dick and Verna Panka’s home. Verna will check with more of the members on what date in December that would work best for most, she will let all of us know. Anyone who is attending, please bring a snack to pass and a warm gift for a child.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mary Prindle
Secretary