

# MINUTES

## Family Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

**Present:** Verna Panka, Mary Novey, Nancy Becker, Doris Krogman, Maurie Oehler,  
Mark and Ann Grunwald, John Chaffee, Donna Cipra

**Absent:** Lettie Oehler, Jeri Kluesner, Shirley Cipra, Rob & Vicki Samples

Meeting opened at 7:05 with a prayer to the Holy Spirit in St. Gabriel's School teacher lounge. Minutes approved as written. FLC **account balance** is \$547.04. We have not received a response from the finance committee or Fr. Weighner regarding our request for \$200 per year operating costs. Discussion on how much we spend out of pocket in addition to our account dollars. Mary will contact Fr. W with regard to our request.

**Angel project** prayer cards are ready to go but next batch of angels is not ready. Diane is unable to make them right now.

The number of new parish members seems small and there is concern that we do not have a complete list. Our committee has so many things going right now that we decided to postpone the **Welcome Breakfast** until spring.

Doris K. reported that she had put an announcement in the bulletin for the parish **Support Group**. She has also started putting ideas together for a brochure. Mary Novey is helping her with the typing. Brochures will be placed in the back of church with the hope that more people can be reached and invited to participate in the group.

**Faith Alive** has held three sessions so far with 27 total participants. The groups are meeting on Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Donna Cipra will announce a sign-up after Mass for **Prayer Partners**. We will use the same procedure as last year. It was suggested that if we are short of volunteers, calls to parents of last year's confirmation students could be contacted.

Nancy B. has mailed out letter of invitation and a copy of the promotional materials for the **Marriage Enrichment** program to deanery parishes and attendees at the last session. An announcement was placed in our church bulletin and read at Mass. Verna P. made copies of the promotional materials to place in the church entrances. There are two couples registered so far. Mary volunteered to help Verna decorate the fireplace room at Coaches for this event.

The **Mass of Remembrance** in honor of parishioners who have died within the past year will be held at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at St. John's church. (Alternates between parishes each year). Mary N. has had some trouble locating correct addresses for families of the deceased but letters of invitation will go out on Monday. Teri Connell will be handling the music ("You Are Mine"?) and someone from the choir will read the

names after Communion. Candles with family name will be displayed at front of church, candles lit by servers, families will pick up after Mass or may leave it to burn for entire month of November at weekend Masses. Doris Krogman and Mary Novey will be in charge of preparing the candles and name plates. Doris will contact Fr. W. about the *Book of Life* in each church which will also be displayed throughout the month. Individuals can write in the name of any loved ones that they wish to pray for.

**3-Day Mission:** Verna has contacted Fr. Sam who may be willing to do it. She will contact Fr. Weighner about a date for next spring. Suggestions were made to contact the Redemptorist Fathers and others who might be willing to run the mission. The group decided to table this activity for now.

**New Business:** John Chaffee spoke about concerns on reaching out to the 20 & 30 year olds of the parish. Discussion followed regarding this and the committee recommended that we *not* take this on. Someone suggested that we could put an announcement in bulletin to invite new members on the Family Life Committee and someone else suggested that we have someone from the diocese do a presentation on organizing a Youth Ministry that also includes young adults. The group decided to pray on this issue in the meantime.

**Next meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Gabriel's teacher lounge at 7:00. Meeting closed at 8:30 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker