

MINUTES

Family Life Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 18

Present: Maury & Lettie Oehler, Verna Panka, Jeri Kluesner, Mary Novey, Nancy Becker

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 in teacher's lounge at St. Gabriel's School and opened with prayer. June minutes accepted as written. After paying for shelter house rental for Totus Tuus picnic (\$25), the current balance is \$499.04. We were not reimbursed for the Marriage Enrichment speakers (\$200) but Fr. Weighner has promised \$200 to us whenever we need it.

Some members of the committee have informed Verna that they are no longer able to serve and others are busy with work, family or other church activities. We will drop these names from our contact list: Donna Cipra, John Chaffee, Rob & Vicki Samples, Shirley Cipra, and Mark & Ann Grunwald. Our thanks and appreciation go out to those who have served so faithfully. The committee also decided to place an announcement in the church bulletin to recruit new members to the committee. Nancy will write the announcement.

Verna gave Nancy the list of recently deceased parishioners so that she can make prayer cards. Committee members signed up to deliver the cards and **angels**.

Verna has contacted Greg Quick regarding cooking for the **Welcome Breakfast** on Sunday, September 11. She will direct him to contact Randy Schneider for milk cartons and to order sausage with plans for 100 people. Piggly Wiggly will deliver the pancake mix and syrup...Verna will order.

Jeri and Lettie will purchase and make the fruit salad.

Nancy will contact Norma Gillitzer to call unit heads for sweetbreads (1 dozen per unit delivered by 8:00) and for workers to help serve the breakfast. Worker shifts will be 8:30-10:00 (Set-up tables and serve food) and 10:00-11:45 (serve food and do clean-up). Mary will make up invitations to send to the newcomers and will mail them out by the last week in August.

Nancy will write up a bulletin announcement about the event for publication on Aug. 28 and September 4.

Maury and Jack Kluesner will welcome people and introduce & greet new parish members.

Family Life Committee members will make coffee, organize workers, set up a sign-in table and distribute Welcome booklets, and name tags. Mary will look over the booklet for corrections and will ask Rose Zeil to run copies.

Suggested that Doris may be able to create centerpieces. Verna will contact her and also take care of tablecloths for serving table.

Maury sent a letter to the Fathers of Mercy regarding a possible **Mission for 2011 or 2012**. They replied and said that there would be no cost, just a free will offering. They would be willing to do a 4-5 day mission and still have a couple of openings this fall, and a few more next spring. Verna has additional names of priests in the diocese that may be willing to give a mission. She will deliver her list and the letter from the Fathers of Mercy to Fr. Weighner so that he can make a decision about who to invite and what time frame he would like them to come. He needs to be the one to request this service.

Ann Grunwald is setting up a meeting for the fall **Bible study—Faith Alive**. She is also getting more involved with music in the parish. Mark Grunwald is accepted into the deacon program and will be spending much of his free time in this pursuit.

The **Anniversary Blessing** was very much appreciated by the few who attended that Mass. It was suggested that since the blessing is offered only once per month, we hoped that Fr. Weighner would be able to do it after every Mass of the weekend instead of only one of the Sunday masses. Verna will discuss this with him.

The **Totus Tuus** picnic on July 24 was well attended with 40-50 participants. The program for parish youth was successful. Jean Ann Dillman was in charge of organizing it and did a great job. Those who met the team leaders were very impressed with their sincerity and eagerness to teach the youth. A thank you will be sent to Jean Ann.

Verna will contact the Heinzens regarding potential **Marriage Enrichment** programs. It was suggested that perhaps there are other programs that could be available for singles and married couples.

Verna gave handouts to the committee about a **Parenthood Education** program available through the diocese called *Teaching the Way of Love*. The committee recommended that she pass a copy along to Fr. Weighner, the school principal and the education committee with hopes that they will take advantage of this offering. She will also give a copy of a handout about *Monitoring the Media: 10 Things Parents Can Do to Protect Children*. It is hoped that this article could be sent home to parents of Prairie Catholic students and CCD students.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 with a prayer. Our **next meeting** will be at 7:00 on September 21st in the St. Gabriel's teacher lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker
FLC Secretary