

MINUTES
Family Life Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Present: Nancy Becker, John Chaffee, Pat Lenzendorf, Virginia Lochner,
Mary Novey, and Verna Panka

Absent: Geri Kleuesner, Shirley Cipra, Doris Krogman, Lettie and Maurie Oehler, Ann
and Mark Grunwald, Vicki and Rob Samples, Donna Cipra

Meeting opened with prayer and special intentions for Diane Day's family.
Minutes were read and approved. Account balance is \$700.

Angel project: 14 small angels are ready and blessed. Diane Day has made many more angels. Verna will send out a thank you to Diane. Need to get updated list for prayer cards. Mary Novey volunteered to get the list of names and will give to Nancy so she can make the prayer cards. Mary will also check to see if there are any new parishioners, will make sure that they have personal contact from our committee and have received the **Welcome booklet**. RCIA is meeting which may include some potential new parish members.

The **Prayer Partner** project has started and matches are being made for 35 confirmation candidates. Letters will go out this week to the adult volunteers. The sign-up in church (organized by Donna Cipra) was very successful, producing 24 volunteers. Family life committee members volunteered for some of the names and Verna still has to find 3 additional adults. Each confirmation candidate should receive a letter from his/her prayer partner by February 14. Prayers will continue through April 29th, Confirmation Day.

Old business: Nancy contacted Patrick Nolan regarding publishing the minutes of our Family Life meetings on the **parish website**. He has not responded yet but Nancy will again email him a copy of the minutes. She will also email the minutes to Father Weighner and committee members.

Concern was again expressed about the lack of a **youth ministry** in our parish. Committee is suggesting that a group of 3-5 volunteer leaders organize such a group. The program should have three components: Learning about our faith, service, and fun. The parish council needs to support this and actively seek volunteers or hire a trained staff person. Verna will discuss our concern with Fr. Weighner.

New business: There is only one **Faith Alive** session remaining to be held during the week of January 31. Several suggestions were made regarding the format for continuation of this spiritual enrichment program including the Lighthouse CD's and discussion guide, the booklets—"The Word Among Us", EWTN website & Lenten discussion topics/ booklets, other ideas from Dr. Mark.....? Verna will contact Fr. Weighner to get approval for the format to be used during Lent.

Verna will also find out from Fr. W about the plans for the **mission** in 2010-2011.

Suggestion was made to have something special for the **St. Valentine's Day** celebration....Renewal of marriage vows or a special blessing for couples during Mass. Verna will contact Fr. Weighner to request this.

Discussion was held regarding a special outing for the **singles of our parish**. Suggestions included a trip to the Shrine in LaCrosse, trip to Sinsiniwa, and a trip to Madison to see Broadway production of Lion King. Mary and Verna will look further into these possibilities.

A **Christian Experience Weekend** will be held in Waukon on March 5-7. Anyone interested can obtain registration forms from Verna.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00. Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:
Nancy Becker