

**MINUTES**  
**Family Life Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 17, 2010**

**Present:** John Chaffee, Doris Krogman, Jeri Kluesner, Maurie Oehler, Ann Grunwald, Donna Cipra, Shirley Cipra, Verna Panka, Nancy Becker

**Absent:** Lettie Oehler, Mary Novey, Mark Grunwald, Rob & Vicki Samples, Virginia Lochner

Meeting opened with a prayer. Minutes were approved as written. Account balance is \$621.29.

**Angel Project** is currently on hold until Verna laminates prayer cards and committee members are assigned to deliver.

**Faith Alive** Lenten study groups are going well. It is not too late to join because each week is an individual lesson. Committee is encouraged to ask others in the parish to join. Next Sunday evening, the group will meet at Verna's house.

**Prayer Partner** project is well underway. To our knowledge, all students have been contacted. They will be given the name of their adult prayer partner by April 16 so they have the opportunity to respond with a note of thanks for the prayers. Confirmation date is April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Depression Support** group did not meet last week because no one showed up. Doris is considering dropping the meetings to only one per month.

**Special Event** for singles and other parishioners will be held April 15<sup>th</sup>. Participants will travel by Warco bus to experience the UW-Marching Band. There are still 12 seats available.

The committee learned that two **Eucharistic ministers** have retired and are moving from our community. Replacements need to be found and trained. It was discussed that Fr. Weighner would like to make some new rules governing access to the tabernacle and governing the home ministry. Don Cipra and John Chaffee are interested in replacing the retiring Eucharistic ministers but this is on hold until Fr. W makes a decision. Also mentioned was the fact that the new hospital administrator's wife is coming to our community with extensive background in lay ministry. She may get involved as hospital chaplain at some point.

It was decided that Nell Bowar and Pat Smith, the retiring Eucharistic ministers, should be **honored for their 30+ years of service**. The Family Life Committee plans to do this at the next coffee/rolls breakfast to be held in April. Verna will contact John and Betty Fisher to find out the date and time. Nancy will contact Pat and Nell to clear the date and invite them to the breakfast before putting an announcement in the bulletin.

Nancy will put an announcement in the bulletin to recruit parishioners as leaders of the **Rosary** for the month of May. Jeri Kluesner will be the contact person.

Regular recognition and **blessings at Mass for wedding anniversaries** / birthdays is on hold for now because Fr. Weighner is so busy due to Fr. Amal's absence.

The effort to recruit **Youth Leaders** is still on hold. It is hoped that some parish members will step forward and indicate an interest in the completed survey. The survey will be tallied tonight. It was also discussed that the **survey results** need to be viewed by Fr. Weighner and then the list of people turned over to the chairperson of each activity. For example, volunteers for Family Life Committee would be turned over to Verna Panka.

Fr. Weighner would like to lead a **parish pilgrimage** to Our Lady of Guadeloupe Shrine in LaCrosse. The committee showed interest in this but the idea is on hold. Maurie will talk with Fr. Weighner and Merle Frommelt about this to perhaps identify a date and to discuss transportation.

**Parish nursing** is very busy. Shirley Cipra has been approached to find someone to accompany a parish member to Mass at 4:00 each week. She will call Faith in Action to see if a volunteer is available.

The **next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00** in St. John's Hall. Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:00. Members stayed after the meeting to sort and tally the **parish survey forms**.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Nancy Becker