

# MINUTES

## Family Life Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, August 18, 2010

**Present:** Donna Cipra, Verna Panka, Mary Novey, Jeri Kluesner, Lettie Oehler,  
Nancy Becker

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

Meeting opened by Verna with a prayer at 7:00 in St. Gabriel's School teacher lounge. Motion made to approve July minutes by Donna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary.

**Account balance** is \$587.29. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of establishing a minimum amount that is to be held in account and the need for funds in the future. Items that are paid out of this account include angels, candles, laminating paper, printer cartridges, occasional gifts to parishioners, welcome breakfast supplies, gratuity for speakers, Faith Alive Bible study supplies, etc. Mary and Nancy will develop a more complete list of expenses by next meeting. Mary moved to establish a baseline minimum of \$400 in account, Lettie 2<sup>nd</sup>...all in favor. If our account falls below this amount we will need to find funding. Donna moved that we approach joint finance council to appropriate \$100 from each parish per year to help cover our costs/ year. Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was approved.

**Depression Support group** is meeting tonight which is why Doris is absent. Numbers attending are small. Group examined a sample brochure promoting a grief support group and ideas for increasing participation. These will be shared with Doris when she returns to our group.

**Angel Project** is continuing but Verna needs to get the list of parishioners to Nancy so that she can make the prayer cards.

**Welcome booklets** for new parishioners or those considering joining our parish have been printed. Donna & Jeri will check the churches to see if they have been displayed and will contact Doris Krogman to see if she knows where else they might be located.

**Parish nursing** is very busy. Shirley and Rose could use the help of an extra volunteer. They are willing to train the right person. Donna will talk to Shirley about the possibility of advertising for a volunteer in the bulletin.

**Faith Alive Bible Study** has only one new participant who attended the organizational meeting. Sessions will start on *September 12<sup>th</sup>* in St. John's Hall at 6:30. Small groups will meet twice per month throughout the fall and winter. Participants will have the option of attending on either Sunday evening or Monday morning. The focus this year will be the *Ignatius Catholic Study Guide for the Gospel of Luke*. The cost will be under \$20 which includes the study guide and a paperback copy of the revised edition of the Catholic Catechism. This information has been posted in the bulletin and Verna will contact Fr. Weighner about the possibility of promoting this during weekend Mass announcements.

The **Parish Pilgrimage** to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine on *Saturday, September 11* has been promoted every week in the bulletin. Those interested in participating can register with Lana at

St. John's parish office by telephone, mail, email or dropping the information/payment into the Sunday collection. The deadline for registration is, *September 7*. Lunch will be \$12.00 for adults and \$7.95 for children (with gratuity included) or individuals can bring a sack lunch. Participants must find their own transportation to the shrine but Nancy will coordinate carpooling. There are no other expenses involved. Questions about the trip should be directed to Maurie.

**Confirmation Prayer Partner** project will begin again in November. Donna and Verna will coordinate this project following the same process as last year.

A brief report was given by Mary concerning the **Totus Tuus** event. The potluck picnic that Family Life Committee was responsible for went very well with about 40 people in attendance. There was a good sign-up of children/teens but we have not heard anything from Fr. Weighner or the parish council about the success. Mary organized meals for the team leaders each night in parish family homes. Jean Ann Dillman has mentioned that she would be willing to organize this activity in the future with the help of a committee of volunteers. Suggestion made to put this on the calendar for next year ASAP and to take more time in considering a week that is more open for families to participate. Mary will write a letter to Fr. Weighner and the parish council about our involvement and what we see needs improvement for next year.

The couples **Marriage Enrichment** presentation by Jeff and Alice Heinzen is tentatively scheduled for *November 13*. It will be held in Coaches fireplace room from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and dinner will be served with the menu reflecting the theme of the evening...*Men are like Waffles and Women are like Spaghetti*. Verna will confirm the date and follow-up on requesting promotional materials, accommodations needed, transportation costs, fees, etc. Nancy will help Verna with mailings to Deanery leaders and surrounding parishes.

**Rosary** leaders have been established for every month for the rest of the year at St. Gabriel's with Jeri Kluesner coordinating. Donna Cipra has agreed to lead the rosary at St. John's for October but no other months have volunteers.

Verna passed along information about a website for college students who want to find out about the **Catholic Campus Ministry** at their school. The website is [www.goingtocollege.org](http://www.goingtocollege.org)  
We will pass this along to Lana for publication in the bulletin.

Our **next meeting** will be held on *Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>* in St. Gabriel's School teacher lounge at 7:00 p.m. Meeting closed with a prayer and special intentions of committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Becker