

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Neighborhood Parish Leaders
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009 6:30 P.M.

Attendees: Fr. Barber, Shirley Donnelly, Eric Dietrich, Chelon Fichter, Cathy Strand, Vern Fries

Absent: Corinne Barnes, Janie Chambers, Al & Donna Christianson, Brian Fichter; Mary Fries; Maimie & Jesse Gomez; Joan & Dale Lund, Chad Strand, Karen & Steve Tramp

1. Open with Prayer

2. Finalize Details for NPL New Member Dinner

Numbers we're looking at? Still waiting for RSVP's. Currently 10 guests - 6 Adults, 3 Children, 1 Infant, and Father.

Who is all able to work and eat with new members?

Shirley will email absent NPL's and Serving Luncheon Volunteers. Would like 1 NPL family to be at event and help in the kitchen and eat with the new members.

3. NPL Handbook

What ideas did everyone have? Group brainstormed and Eric will re-write the NPL Handbook based on input from the meeting. Eric will have the revision emailed to the group by October 1st. Father Barber shared information from a magazine article (The Priest - August 2009) that indicated that more than 50 years ago Yves Congar talked about the need for small Christian communities (similar to our current day Neighborhood Parishes). Fr. has shared this same information with the SOFC. He said that as the NPL Handbook is updated, whether the NPL's choose to focus on geographic areas or demographic areas, that they consider choosing one pilot/model to be established as a viable small Christian community, to serve as an example for other Roses/demographics.

Target goal to be finalized in October 31st. The group is confident the October 31st date is attainable.

4. Looking Ahead:

Turkey Bingo - Anyone want to volunteer to chair the event?

No volunteers at this time. Vern will contact the KC's to reserve the Bingo Board and Bingo Cards. It was estimated 120 would attend x 2.5 cards per person for 300 cards. Chelon and/or Cathy suggested trying sign up sheets in the pews for pies, cookies, bars, set up, clean up, shift workers. Idea was brought up to auction off 10 to 25 pies at the end of the event for those that want pies but might not win one and a quick fundraiser for Holiday Decorations or something else the church needs.

5. Other Business:

a) Additional suggestions for NPL Funds: Shirley asked for consideration of purchasing additional St. Therese stained glass tea lights as they are at a close out price of \$9.90 per box of 10.

Approved. Vern suggested adding a note to the tea lights that they are a welcome gift from the NPL's. It was decided not to pursue the SFCS Certificate suggestion.

b) October 21st card night: Vern will set up and have games available such as Pinochle, Bridge, 500, Pheffer, Cribbage, and Bunco. He will also have popcorn and a beverage available. Eric will prepare bulletin blurb, announcement, flyer information and placards for the tables. Moving forward the goal will be to encourage participants to take turns with the set up, etc. and allow the NPL's to focus on being the motivators, organizers and coordinators.

Next meeting October 21st at 6:30 PM

Submitted by: Shirley Donnelly & Eric Dietrich

Any questions please email Shirley or nplleaders@sio.midco.net