

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Neighborhood Parish Leaders
February 10, 2010 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Fr. Barber, Shirley Donnelly, Eric Dietrich, Karen and Steve Tramp, Al and Donna Christianson, Joan Lund

Absent: Cathy & Chad Strand, Janie Chambers, Corrine Barnes, Dale Lund, Brian & Chelon Fichter, and Jesse & Maimee Gomez

Prayer: Fr. Barber opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mexican Fiesta Dinner Update: We served 90 people in the gathering space and 18 volunteers. Ordered food for 110 ran out of some food after serving 80. Feedback from the dinner was that it was cold. The tip money from the Tip jar \$231.50 was sent to the Sioux Falls Vocations Office. Expense break down of the dinner was: \$1444.81 income, \$888.44 expenses leaving a profit of \$556.37. We also received \$99.80 in kind donations. It was decided to comp. the KC's the meals for the priests & deacons ($\$17.50 \times 7 = \122.50) as a gesture of thanks for use of their Bingo equipment for Turkey Bingo.

Welcome dinner set for 2/20/10: Donna Christianson and Joan Lund co chairing the event. Serving: Keg chicken, cheesy potatoes, calico beans, dinner roll and dessert.

Welcome committee is up and running. The Welcome Committee requested consideration for money for gift bags and candy for the new families. NPL consensus was to donate \$150.00 to get things started. Gift bags will be given instead of baskets to new parishioners. Preschoolers will decorate the bags, children K-5th grade will make cards. Mentor families take the votive candle and gift bag to new members. 30 families will be contacted to be mentors. They are hoping for 12.

Name change: With the new NPL focus on demographics versus geographics the Social Outreach Fellowship Committee suggested the NPL's rename the group. One suggestion they brought forward was Parish Activity Leaders. (PAL's) NPL's liked the name and unanimously adopted the name change.

Guidelines: Eric is proposing updates to the guidelines regarding length of terms & consecutive terms. A co-chair for NPL is needed for when the Leader for the NPL (Eric) is out. Number of members needed was discussed as well whether or not NPL's need to chair events. Further discussion is needed regarding the possibility of changing the time or day of NPL meetings to ensure better attendance.

Financial update: Balance 12/31/09 was \$1374.52 and the profit of \$556.37 from the Mexican Fiesta dinner, we now have a total of \$1930.89 in the account.

Dan Smith's ordination (June 6th) celebration will be discussed further as to what we should do for him in conjunction with the Vocations committee.

Leaders: Karen & Steve Tramp are stepping down as NPL's after serving for 10 years. More members needed as Vern & Mary Fries also stepped down after 6 years. One couple suggested was Curt & Pame Blasy. We will need a volunteer to take minutes.

Upcoming events: Easter egg giveaway on April 4th, Graduation brunch on May 2nd

Jack Pederson and Loraine Rann will be hosting cards and board games on February 24 from 1-3.

The 3rd Wednesday in March is St. Patrick's Day
Next meeting: March 10th at 6:30 PM

Submitted by: Karen Tramp