

**St. Therese Parish
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 15th, 2009; 6:30 P.M.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Jean Rasmusson	Sarah Husby	Father Hal
Mary Koch	Louise Oven	Dean Lipetzy
Louise Johnson	Bev Christopherson	Ann Arendt
Sue Williams	Mike Conrads	Steve Tripp
Betty Baun	Shirley Donnelly	

Notified Unable To Attend:

Haley Hunhoff	Mary Fries	Sarah Przybys
Kari Newton	Vern Fries	

1. Opening prayer was lead by Father Hal
2. Overview of Changes

Dean explained the Pastoral Council findings resulting in the restructure/re-alignment of St. Therese ministries and committees. Decisions were based on the learning the Finance Council should not report to the Pastoral Council, but rather directly to the Pastor. In addition, there was an Education Committee in our structure; however there was not an actual functioning Education Committee in our parish. The Pastoral Council reviewed each of the committee's and ministries and grouped them into 3 Committees: Education Committee, Liturgy Committee, and Social Outreach Fellowship Committee. Over the summer members of the parish formed 3 separate task forces to develop the structure of the 3 Committees.

The goal of the new structure is to create more communication and empowerment with and between all of the committees and the Pastoral Council and Finance Council (to create a better flow of information).

- a. The Mission Statement / Vision/ Goals as developed by the Social Outreach Fellowship Committee Task force were explained by Dean.

Mission Statement: *Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to follow the example of St. Therese of Lisieux to create an environment to welcome all to actively participate in the Social Ministry needs of our Parish.*

Vision Statement: *Following Christ's example, we will serve our Parish and extended community so all will be nourished.*

The goal of the Social Outreach Fellowship Committee is to enhance communication with the social and fellowship committees and parish support roles and in addition, inspire others to become involved in St. Therese. * Inform parishioners how to access help when a need exists * Clearly define duties, responsibilities, expectations as a volunteer * Provide an Information Fair prior to Stewardship Sunday * Provide ongoing social outreach & fellowship needs

- b. Members / Officers / Terms were discussed. Although the desire is to have equal representation from the 3 sub-committees of the Social Outreach Fellowship Committees (Faith in Action, Fellowship Ministries, & Parish Service Ministries), it may not be possible at the start up of the SOF committee. The goal should be to ensure there is representation of the 3 sub-committees
 - 2 standing members - Pastor and Parish Minister
 - 9 at large members (3 officers, and 2 representatives from each of the 3 sub-committees)
 - Members will serve a 2 year term, staggered in half

- c. Sub-Committees

Faith In Action Ministries
Elizabeth Ministry

Eucharistic Minister Outreach
 Parish Nurse
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Prayer Warriors
 Respect Life Ministry
 Social Ministry
 Visitations – Home, Hospital, Assisted Living

Fellowship Ministries

Neighborhood Parish Leaders
 Baking & Cooking
 Serving Luncheons
 Teacher Appreciation Committee

Parish Service Ministries:

Parish Office Volunteer
 Phone Caller
 SFCS Certificates

3. Committee Volunteers – The following have volunteered to participate on the SOF Committee:
 Louise Johnson (Social Ministry); Sue Williams (Social Ministry); Bev Christopherson (Parish Nurse);
 Louise Oven (Social Ministry, Eucharistic Outreach), Sarah Husby, Jean Rasmussen
4. SOF Meetings – Should Include reports from the various SOF Committees/Ministries such as: NPL,
 Elizabeth Ministry, Respect Life, etc... ; Information from Pastoral Council related to other ministries
 Committee Reports: The SOF Committee needs to submit minutes to Dean Lipetzy and all Parish staff
 (Bridget, Eric, Jan, Shirley, Father)
 A representative from the SOF committee should plan on attending the monthly Pastoral Council meeting
 which is held the 4th Tuesday of each month.
5. Sign-up Sunday – April 18th/19th, 2009
6. Other
 - The SOF committee asked if there was a way the Parish Master Calendar could be communicated at
 the Committee level each month (Education, Liturgy, and SOF).
 - Could the website be used to schedule events?
 - Needs to be communicated to have committees add events to the Parish Master Calendar as early as
 possible. Perhaps putting as much on the calendar for the fiscal year by July 1st each year.
7. Next Meeting
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Sign-in Sheet:

Jean Rasmusson	321-6233	gjrasmusse@yahoo.com	
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Betty Baun	376-6889	elbaun@sio.midco.net	Serving Meals
Sarah Husby	338-4878	husb2@sio.midco.net	
Louise Oven	582-3010	louise.oven2pas.k12.mn.us	Social Ministry
Bev Christopherson	339-1615	mombev7@msn.com	Parish Nurse
Mike Conrads	357-9515	conrads@sio.midco.net	Respect Life
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