

St. Therese
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee
Minutes of March 10. 2011 Meeting

Members present: Beverly Christopherson, Shirley Donnelly, Chuck Edwards, Louise Johnson,
Jean Rasmussen, Sue Williams and guest, Dave Husby

Opening Prayer: Louise Johnson

Mission and Goals of SOFC: Louise Johnson

1. The **Welcome Committee** will soon hold a meeting for the mentors. Those who may wish to become mentors will also be invited.
The "Welcome Dinner" was attended by 23 people with five of the nine families/individuals attending.
2. The **Respect Life Committee** announced the *5 and 5 for Life program* which is an invitation to pray at Planned Parenthood from the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM. People may schedule a time to pray on-line at 5weeksand5days4life@gmail.com or by calling 605-610-9610. The prayer vigil began on Ash Wednesday, March 9 and will continue through Palm Sunday, April 17.
3. Beverly Christopherson RN, **Parish Nurse**, reported the Care Notes are available to the parish starting this weekend after all Masses. A notice was placed in the bulletin. Additional Lenten Care Notes just arrived and will be made available by this weekend also.
The Cultural Diversity Fair at St. Lambert's was a fun event with eight parents preparing eight booths depicting their country. Door prizes were awarded. It was the first annual event at St. Lambert's. Bev has planned and prepared four annual events at Retirement Centers in the past.
Margie Smotherman was out of town, but will be encouraged to attend the April SOFC meeting in an effort to re-start the Elizabeth Ministry.
4. Jean Rasmussen reported that **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has a good supply of prayer shawls and Baptismal blankets on hand.
5. **Eucharistic Outreach** has no news this month. Karen Mavity, contact person, reported that both ministries are hoping for more new members on Stewardship Sign-Up Weekend.
6. Sue Williams of **Social Ministry** brought up the Community Outreach offer to train volunteers from St. Therese who may be interested in becoming mentors to

disadvantaged people who are experiencing financial crisis and related issues. An anonymous donor from St. Therese has given the money amount for two families to volunteer to take the training to be mentors for Community Outreach.

7. Louise Johnson reported on the successful **Cookie Dough Sale**. The amount received will cover the expenses of our youth for the summer activities and exceeded that amount by approximately \$500.00.
8. Shirley Donnelly reported that Ted and Pat Feller have agreed to head up the **Parish Directory/Pictorial event**. They are currently actively planning the *parish activity* pages prior to the photographing of the parish families/individuals. There will be five days in August, five days in September and four days in October available for parishioners to sign up to have their photo taken. Parishioners can schedule their own times to be photographed on-line, which will identify only the open slots to be filled, avoiding the doubling up of scheduled times.
9. Louise Johnson discussed the **Greeters/Gift Bearers Masses** to be held during Lent, leading up to Stewardship Weekend. Each committee at St. Therese will be featured on weekend Masses in an effort to showcase the opportunities at St. Therese to serve. Social Outreach Fellowship Committee will be featured the first weekend, March 12-13. All the members of SOFC, including the subcommittees, are urged to designate themselves by wearing a name tag with the Lenten theme, Sound your Trumpet, as well as to wear blue or purple at the Masses they attend on that weekend. The committee members will also act as gift bearers at Offertory.
Chuck Edwards will prepare an insert for the church bulletins explaining the work of SOFC.
Louise Johnson will fill the bulletins with the insert on Friday evening after the Fish Fry.
Sue Williams will prepare a sign showing the committee members where to secure their name tags at church before entering Mass.
Stewardship Weekend is on April 9-10.
10. **Volunteers** will be sought to inform the ushers of the extra duties required on **Stewardship Sign-up Weekend** to accomplish the task. Shirley Donnelly will be absent on that weekend and needs volunteers. 4:00 pm Chuck Edwards; 8:30 am Dave Husby; 10:45 am Sue Williams; 6:00 pm Open
11. The next meeting for SOFC is April 14, 2011.

Louise Johnson led the group with the Hail Mary to close the meeting.