

St. Therese
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee
Minutes of April 14, 2011 Meeting

Members present: Beverly Christopherson, Rick Collins, Shirley Donnelly, Chuck Edwards,
Louise Johnson, Jean Rasmussen, Sue Williams and guest, Jane Moore.

Absent: Dave Husby

Father David sat in the meeting between other scheduled appointments.

Opening Prayer: Chuck Edwards

Mission and Vision Statement: Louise Johnson

The group was reminded to read the minutes of all St. Therese meetings on-line.

1. St. Therese has been invited to participate in **Habitat for Humanity** again this year. The possibility will be discussed to determine the extent of participation. Karen Breuer may be willing to head the project, if it involves only St. Therese Parish rather than to join with another parish/s.
2. Julie Derner has contacted the **Welcome Committee Mentors** by e-mail to determine a date and time to meet for a review of the first year of activities. Derner suggested either April 27 or May 4 as possible dates.
3. Chuck Edwards reported there are no news items from **Respect Life**.
4. Louise Johnson reported that photographs will be taken of the Religious Education students with their teacher. The photo will be presented to the RE teachers as a thank you for their service at **Teacher Appreciation**.
5. Beverly Christopherson, **Parish Nurse**, reported that about 20 Care Notes for Lent had been taken home. She has taken six prayer shawls to Good Samaritan facilities in Sioux Falls. Three have been spoken for. She will assist the chaplain at the GS nursing home on N. Minnesota.
6. The **Elizabeth Ministry** is seeking leadership. Margie Smotherman has stepped away from the ministry. The Big Soo Coupon sale brought in \$400.00. New rose colors have been added to the established colors. New prayer cards need to be purchased to replace water damaged ones. B. Christopherson offered assistance to a chair person in the fall who would be willing to set up a library check-out system. B. Christopherson also pointed out the need for additional books on grief and aging to be added to the library.

7. Guest, Jane Moore, offered to research the possibility of purchasing **Children's Missalettes** for St. Therese Church. Moore also will investigate the ordering of **St. Therese shirts**. Chuck Edwards will make inquiries as well. All agreed it would be best if all shirts were pre-ordered to avoid wasted expense.
8. Jean Rasmussen reported that **Eucharistic Outreach** serves several communicants at Ward Enterprises, a few at Washington Crossing, and eight homebound, for a total of 18. There are no communicants at Greenleaf presently.
9. Rasmussen reported the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has added about a half hour prayer time during Lenten season in addition to knitting. They used both *Mary's Way* and *Everyone's Way* of Stations of the Cross. The PSM gave out six prayer shawls that will go to the Good Samaritan Centers this week.
10. Sue Williams shared news from the April **Social Ministry** meeting. SM recently assigned chair persons and set the calendar for the 2012 year. They will have a Bake Sale in February of 2012 to fund the cost of serving the Banquet and/or other Social Ministry events. St. Therese Parish will serve the The Banquet on April 11, 2012. Social Ministry will make some phone calls to individuals in the parish to invite them to attend a SM meeting as a guest to inspire more involvement by parish members.
11. Louise Johnson and Shirley Donnelly reported on the **Parish Activity Leaders** upcoming events. PALS set their calendar for 2012 at their last meeting. On May 1, 2011 they will serve the *graduation luncheon*. They have sent out 21 invitations to the graduate's families. Volunteer "callers" will take the RSVPs. The parish will be invited to bring fruit pizzas and potato salad for the luncheon menu. PALS is hosting *Saturday Night Live* at St. Therese on April 30, from 7:00-11:00 for those 21 years of age or older.
12. **Community Outreach** was again addressed. CO is asking for two couples to commit to training and time spent with individuals to offer budget help, parenting assistance and networking for services in the community. A few ideas were fielded to inform the parish of the request and to identify qualified couples to serve the need.
13. Feedback was heard concerning the **Greeters Weekend**. While improvements will be made for next year, the weekends were considered a success because of the warm welcome extended to the Mass-goers. Suggestions for improvement were: 1) larger more obvious name tags and 2) to hand out the name tags prior to the Sunday morning, possibly at their committee meetings.

The meeting closed with a Hail Mary.

Next Meeting: May 12th at 6:30 pm