

St. Therese Parish
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee Meeting Minutes

The committee met on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Shirley Donnelly, Chuck Edwards, Louise Johnson, Louise Oven,
Jean Rasmussen, Sue Williams

Members absent: Beverly Christopherson, Haley Hunhoff, Jim Lacasse

Louise Johnson opened with a prayer.

The group read the Mission Statement and the Vision Statement.

Clarification was made to designate officers and office terms for Social Outreach Fellowship.

Chairwoman- Louise Johnson

Vice Chairwoman- Sue Williams

Secretary- Jean Rasmussen

Length of term in office is two years with an opportunity to extend the term to two consecutive terms. When the terms are concluded, those leaving office should do so in a staggered manner. Therefore, for this the first year, some committee members will serve a one year term, while others will serve two years, to accomplish the staggering.

Discussion was heard about recruiting more members to the Social Outreach Fellowship (SOF) group. It was decided to wait to contact individuals until after Sign-Up Sunday, to allow for volunteers.

Reports from each sub committee were given.

Shirley Donnelly- *Elizabeth Ministry and Prayer Shawl* (attached report)

Jean Rasmussen- *Eucharistic Minister Outreach and Prayer Shawl* (attached report)

Beverly Christopherson- *Parish Nurse* Blood Pressure screenings are scheduled after weekend Masses. The second screening will be April 19.

Starting in May, Beverly will hold screenings after the 8:30 Mass for the summer months.

Beverly is also beginning to work her way through a list of elderly members of the parish to assess their needs.

Louise Johnson- *Social Ministry* which includes Food Pantry, Donation to the Adoration Sisters, the meal served by St. Therese at The Banquet on April 1 and The Backpack project, which needs volunteers to fill 2000 back packs on May 6.

Louise is in search of a replacement for herself on the Social Ministry Committee.

Stephanie Spader has stepped away from the position of contact person for Respect for Life.

New business included a splitting up of the work for the Silent Auction portion of the Fall Festival, if it is to be held this fall. Final approval is pending.

Louise Johnson- will contact individuals/businesses for donations of goods/services

Jean Rasmussen- will follow-up and coordinate with Louise J.

Chuck Edwards- will prepare a spreadsheet of gifts given, donors, other pertinent info.

Haley Hunhoff, Louise Oven and Sue Williams – will create gift packages

Cindy Merron and Jim Lacasse- will be asked to close the Silent Auction business by collecting money and dispersing the gift packages on the day of the festival.

Jim Lacasse and Louise Johnson- will invite new committee members for 2010 Silent Auction/Fall Fest.

On April 15, Louise Johnson and Sue Williams attended the Neighborhood Parish Leaders meeting. The NPL were planning the Baccalaureate Brunch for Sunday, April 19. The NPL discussed a possibility of surveying the parish for feedback on social events that the parish would support. Several ideas for each/all age groups were brought up. The NPL is presently bringing a plate of cookies as a welcome-to-the-parish gift to new members of the parish. It was suggested by SOF that a listing of phone numbers for church offices be included with the cookies for new members to the church.

Next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 28. Chuck Edwards and Sue Williams will represent Social Outreach Fellowship at that meeting.

The next Social Outreach Fellowship meeting will be Thursday, May 14 at 7:00.

Sue Williams closed in prayer.

In His service,

Jean Rasmussen, secretary