

St. Therese Parish
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee
Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2010

Members Present: Bev Christopherson, Rick Collins, Shirley Donnelly, Chuck Edwards, Louise Johnson,
Jean Rasmussen and Sue Williams

Members Absent: Haley Samuelson

Opening prayer was given by Jean Rasmussen

Mission and Vision statement was read by Louise Johnson

1. Bev Christopherson met with the committee to brainstorm ways to involve volunteers to assist her in her role as Parish Nurse. One goal is to contact a parishioner within a month of a death in their family to offer prayer and practical assistance from St. Therese Parish. It was suggested that the Elizabeth Ministry be invited to assist Bev with the services she hopes to offer. Bev presented books and materials she will make available for check out in the church library. A meeting between Bev and the Elizabeth Ministry will be scheduled to discuss possibilities. Bev is working on an End of Life seminar to be held in spring of 2011. She has scheduled a Cultural Diversity Fair at St. Lambert's on February 12, 2011. Parents of all cultures will be invited to set up a booth depicting their culture. After the May Blood Pressure Screening, Bev will take a break until fall. It was suggested that more people be trained to take blood pressures to assist with the screenings. Bev has agreed to be a member of SOFC.
2. Chuck Edwards reported that Mike Conrads, Respect Life Committee chair, will meet with SOFC in August to plan for October which is Respect Life Month.
3. Rick Collins reported that Sara Lipetzky has signed up 5 or 6 individuals to the newly formed Young Adult Group. Their first activity was cosmic bowling on Sat. May 15th at the Empire Bowl.
4. Louise Johnson reported on the Parish Activity Leaders upcoming events.
On June 6 a celebration of the Ordination of Father Dan Smith will be held after 10:45 Mass.
On June 25th PALS will host a farewell potluck for Father Hal with the members from all the committees at St. Therese.
On June 27th an Open House Farewell for Father Hal will be held at St. Therese from 1:00 to 3:00 for the entire parish.
PAL's are contemplating a July 10th date as a 'Welcome to St. Therese Parish' for the new priest. Louise also reported that the Habitat for Humanity House has been slowed by the heavy rains. A potluck meal to be enjoyed at the softball game played by St. Therese's Team was brought up as a fun possibility. PAL will be discussing this at their upcoming meeting.
A meal for St. Francis House will be served by St. Therese on either July 18 or 31, or on August 3. Plans will be finalized at the June SOFC meeting.

5. Shirley Donnelly discussed with the committee an event for St. Therese to meet the practical needs of the St. Therese office and the St. Therese kitchen. By contacting Elite Business System, Shirley was able to get a commitment from EBS to match up to the first \$500.00 to place in a credit on account. A generous parishioner has agreed to match up to \$500.00 toward Interstate Office Products donations this too would be placed as a credit on account. Concerning the kitchen necessities, a Kitchen Shower will be held in July, after the 4th of July. Parishioners will be encouraged to pick a slip of paper from a basket and donate to our kitchen. The slip will list the items needed in the kitchen.

6. Lastly, a discussion was heard about the possibility of using Facebook at St. Therese Parish. Many negatives were brought up. Committee members felt the possibility should be addressed later when/if a knowledgeable individual would come forward to oversee the implementation and use of Facebook. Facebook would be considered, if it was determined to be of benefit to St. Therese.

The next meeting will be on June 10.

A prayer for Priests closed the meeting.

In His service,

Jean Rasmussen, scribe