

**St. Therese Parish**

**Social Outreach Fellowship Committee**

**Minutes of May 12, 2011 Meeting**

**Members present: Beverly Christopherson, Chuck Edwards, Dave Husby and Louise Johnson**

**Absent: Rick Collins, Sue Williams, Jean Rasmussen and Shirley Donnelly**

**Opening Prayer: Father David**

**Dave Husby has agreed to be a member of our SOFC.**

**Review of committees is as follows:**

**1. Louise gave an update on the Welcome Committee. The meeting of April 27th reviewing this committee with mentors was canceled. We have mentors that did not desire to move on with the committee. Julie Derner has a bulletin blurb inviting parishioners to contact her or the church if they have an interest in this ministry. A meeting with Julie Derner, Shirley Donnelly and Louise Johnson will be put in place to establish if changes need to be made.**

**2. Bev Christopherson reported that the Care Notes were moved to near the kitchen area after Lent was over. There was a good response during Lent.**

**Shirley has made a contact with another church regarding ideas for a Library for grief ministry. Bev is looking forward to more information and a visit with this contact. Bev would like to have a library of books set up by fall.**

**Bev continues to work on preparation for the End-of-Life Seminar on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. At this time she is exploring how to get info for the people who will attend on Advance Medical Directive information that meets with Catholic approval.**

**3. The Elizabeth Ministry is being reviewed by a parishioner that has interest in moving this ministry forward. As a committee we have suggested that this Ministry be brought forward in small increments, but important pieces for our parish.**

**4. The Social Ministry held a meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>. Each committee member invited someone to the meeting. They have a couple of those guests that are committing. There will be a St. Francis project in July that will consist of collecting tee shirts, tennis shoes and backpacks. Cindy Merron is working with this**

**committee to be more involved with the visitation of home bound and assisted living. Some of that contact will be visits. Cards sent for special days will be included. This committee will not be meeting in June and July.**

**5. Parish Activity Leaders also do not meet in June and July.**

**Our committee is also working on inviting and recruiting. We are making phone calls and following up on phone calls in the next few weeks. We would like to have several guests at our next meeting in June. We will continue to work on this.**

**SOFC was a small group this meeting, but we did have an opportunity to discuss new ideas of outreach to build community within our parish. We are asking people to bring a couple ideas to the next meeting on ways to reach out.**

**One item that was agreed on was that the standing committees, parish council and finance committees should have a casual social event at church. At this event we visit ask questions, and share concerns on building our community.**

**The meeting closed with prayer.**

**Submitted by,**

**Louise Johnson**