

St. Therese
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee
Minutes of June 9, 2011 Meeting

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

Members absent: Beverly Christopherson, Rick Collins

Guest: Kristi Smith

Opening prayer: Jean Rasmussen

Mission/Vision Statement: Louise Johnson

1. **Recruiting** of new members to SOFC was discussed. John Nohr is considering the possibility of joining.
2. Julie Derner, Louise Johnson and Jean Rasmussen are planning to meet to review the work of the **Welcome Committee**. Sue Peters has shown an interest in joining the group as a mentor.
3. Shirley Donnelly reported on the **Elizabeth Ministry**. Two white roses were added to the Elizabeth Ministry bouquet for mothers who have experienced miscarriages. S. Donnelly has received two responses from other churches that have active Elizabeth Ministries in their churches. Perhaps these churches can offer ideas to activate the ministry at St. Therese. Sue Williams will contact people who may like to lead Elizabeth Ministry at St. Therese.
4. **Parish Activity Leaders** scheduled no meeting in June or July. PALS have "a caller" to request goods and services they need for functions they host.
5. **Social Ministry** scheduled not meeting in June or July. Rita Adams has agreed to join the Social Ministry Committee. Carol Thuringer is working with Louise Johnson on the **St. Francis Children Tennis Shoes and T-Shirt drive**. They will collect items in July with announcements going in the church bulletin in June.
6. Karen Breuer, contact person for **Habitat for Humanity**, is looking into the possibility of offering workers from St. Therese rather than a monetary donation, due to a lack of funds. Discussion was also heard about Habitat Blitz, where homes are built in a very short time (9 days) by a traveling team.

7. Louise Johnson presented ideas for **community building** at St. Therese for discussion. Those ideas included:
 - A. "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" Invite couples into home of parishioner for dinner to get to know people in parish better. Hold a large group gathering after the small groups have met.
 - B. Hold a social event for those who are new to the parish in the last 2 or 3 years.
 - C. Acknowledge volunteers in some way...church bulletin, photos posted, introductions at Mass, etc.
 - D. Neighborhood parish gatherings, according to the Rose Groups.

*Discussion closed with the goal to **meet with sub committees of SOFC** to review progress and increase communication. Dave Husby will draft a letter of invitation to the subcommittee members for a potluck social. The invitation will ask each subcommittee to describe its present work and future vision. It is the hope that some subcommittee work could be combined for greater effectiveness as well as to lighten the load of some committees who are understaffed and overworked. The meeting will be scheduled in August.*

As a follow up to the subcommittee meeting, **a meeting of the three standing committees, Liturgy, Faith Formation, and Social Outreach Fellowship**, will be scheduled. Greater communication and cohesiveness is the goal to increase community spirit at St. Therese.

8. The topic of **Greeters at Mass** was discussed. The topic will be on the agenda for the August meeting.
9. S. Donnelly reported that the **fiscal year reports** and **calendar of events** are being prepared.
10. The question was raised about **children's missals**. Jane Moore was asked to research the idea as a possibility for St. Therese. The item will be on the agenda for the August meeting. J. Moore also researched **t-shirts for St. Therese**. S. Donnelly recommended that samples of the t-shirt be on display during the photography sessions for the **Parish Directory/Pictorial** in August (5 days), September (5 days) and October (4 days).
11. SOFC will not meet in July.
12. Closing prayer: Louise Johnson