

St. Therese Parish
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee
Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2010

Members present: Shirley Donnelly, Jean Rasmussen, Sue Williams

Members absent: Beverly Christopherson, Rick Collins, Chuck Edwards, Louise Johnson, Louise
Oven, Haley Samuelson

1. The **combining of the Elizabeth Ministry and the Grief Ministry** was discussed. Margie Smotherman has volunteered to steer the Elizabeth Ministry. Beverly Christopherson was seeking help to carry out the goals she set for the Grief Ministry as part of her position as Parish Nurse. We see the Grief Ministry as falling naturally under the Elizabeth Ministry. It was suggested that Beverly invite Margie for a preliminary meeting to meet and begin thinking about the benefit of connecting the two ministries. Emily Starr and Paige Rock will be contacted also, to see if they would like to assist in the planning or become part of the ministry.

2. Another discussion followed with an idea **to feature each of the social ministries at St. Therese on weekend Masses** for the purpose...
 - a. of making people aware of the activities that make up St. Therese Parish
 - b. to offer the assistance each ministry gives to those who may need/want the help
 - c. to encourage involvement and participation of parish members.

Each ministry presently operating in St. Therese Parish would showcase their organization with a simple display at the Information Center at weekend Masses. They may or may not chose to have a speaker say a few words after Mass. The display would show the work of their ministry with photos, posters, power points (??), samples of their wares or any other things that would excite the parish to support or join the group. The church bulletin would announce which group is showcased for that weekend. Father may or may not make an announcement after Mass urging the parish to notice the display.

Example 1: Young Adult Group: presents a display with a schedule of events, age group invited to join, photos of past outings, goals, and sign up.

Example 2: Eucharistic Outreach makes a display at the Information Center showing who the Eucharistic ministers are, where they serve, the time commitment involved, the personal faith building experience, the training necessary, and sign up.

3. Names were suggested to invite to work with **Parish Activity Leaders**. Sue W. and Jean R. will call Tanya Lipetzky and Dollie Stansbury to invite them to work with PALS. It was suggested that a 3 year term be recommended. PALS meet the third Wednesday of the month.
4. To encourage more awareness and participation in **Respect for Life** month in October it was suggested that St. Therese have a sign up to attend the rally and include an insert in the Sunday bulletin. The information needs to go out by mid September. The Diocesan office may have a packet of supplies ready-made to be used in parishes.
5. **The dessert table for Father Barber's Farewell** was discussed. Louise Oven will help Louise Johnson with decorating the table. Shirley D. offered the mirrors and/or vases that are stored in the church storeroom as possibilities for decorations.
6. **The Summer Shower for St. Therese kitchen and St. Therese office** was the final topic. The event will be announced in the church bulletin on the weekends of June 26-27 and again July 10-11. Perhaps a speaker will be asked to talk after Masses to explain and encourage donations. The donation will be tax deductible.
7. Shirley D. gave a brief **tour of the Elizabeth Ministry area** seeking suggestions about the feasibility of using this area for our grief ministry library, etc. A timer set on the lamps would be a nice addition to light the area for a period of time each day.

There will not be a July SOFC meeting. Louise Johnson has invited the group to her home for a pot luck on July 8th at 6:30.

The group closed by praying Psalm 65.

In His service,

Jean Rasmussen