

St. Therese Parish
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee Meeting Minutes for
Month of June

The committee met on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 6:30 at St. Therese Church.

Members present: Father Hal Barber, Shirley Donnelly, Haley Hunhoff, Louise Johnson, Louise Oven, Jean Rasmussen, Sue Williams, Jean Zutz.

Members absent: Beverly Christopherson, Chuck Edwards, Jim Lacasse

Louise Johnson opened with introductions to the newest member, Jean Zutz, and invited each member of the committee to offer a prayer of praise in particular to St. Therese Church.

Reports were given from each of the Social Outreach ministries.

1. Shirley Donnelly reported from the *Elizabeth Ministry*.
Three personalized ornaments were gifted in the month of May.
No Baptismal ornaments were sold.

There are two Big Soo Coupon Books left in the inventory, otherwise no new activity.

There are eight holy water bottles left, otherwise no new activity.

There were five prayer shawls distributed in May. There are 11 multi colored prayer shawls and two pink prayer shawls left on hand.

There were no prayer intention photos added to the photo album.

A Thank You was received from Curt Summers for the memorial given in DeVona Summers name from the Elizabeth Ministry.

The balance in the Elizabeth Ministry account remains at \$706.82 with no new transactions.

They are planning no events.

Shirley led discussion about Home Visitation. Beverly Christopherson, Parish Nurse, is contacting the list of names given to her to evaluate the needs of the persons on the list.

Beverly is coordinating an End of Life seminar that is scheduled for St. Therese in October, possibly on Oct. 3. The seminar would include: Living Will, Power of Attorney, Hospice, legal aspects by an attorney, funeral arrangements by GEORGE BOOM, and spiritual aspects by Father Hal Barber. The cost would be free.

Shirley made mention of the trainings that are scheduled for:
Lectors: Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 AM
Altar Servers: Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 AM

2. Jean Rasmussen reported from Karen Mavity who heads the *Prayer Shawl Group* that they will work with the Silent Auction portion of the Fall Event in some capacity. Louise Johnson met with the ladies to offer suggestions. Karen will present the possibilities to the knitting group in the forthcoming Tuesday meeting times.
Karen also reported that there was no news from the *Eucharistic Outreach* who ministers to the homebound. Haley Hunhoff and Louise Oven are new ministers to the homebound.
3. Louise Johnson reported from the *Social Ministry*. That group will host a Summer Household Shower for the new St. Francis House. Notice will be in the church bulletin prior to the event.
4. There was no report from the *Respect for Life* group.
5. There was no report from the Neighborhood Parish Leaders group. Discussion centered on the revamping of the booklet of guidelines for NPL. Ann Ahrendt has indicated that she may work with NPL to update the guidelines. This matter will be brought up at the Parish Council meeting on Tues. June 23.

New Business:

A group of parishioners is moving forward with plans for a Welcome to St. Therese committee. Father Hal addressed the need for initial as well as on-going contact with new church members. Haley Hunhoff inquired about the possibility of reaching out to those who have not come in to the church office to register as new members. Shirley Donnelly, Julie Derner and Louise Johnson will meet on July 8 at 6:30 with committees of the church who would play a part in the welcoming process.

A committee of Haley Hunhoff, Louise Oven, Sue Williams and Jean Zutz will meet on July 7, at 6:30 to work on Basket/Packages for the Silent Auction portion of the Fall Event.

Sue Williams closed in prayer.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2009