

ST. THERESE PARISH  
SOCIAL OUTREACH FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009

Members Present – Chuck Edwards, Louise Oven, Shirley Donnelly, Fr. Hal Barber, Haley Hunhoff and Louise Johnson

Absent Members – Jean Zutz, Jean Rasmussen, Sue Williams and Jim Lacasse

Louise Oven offered up the “Prayer for Priests”

Louise Johnson read the Mission and Vision Statement

Louise Johnson shared a discussion that had been held at a Fall Event meeting the previous evening. In that meeting was a discussion on reaching out to new parishioners for the Fall Event. The Fall Event is in need of thirty waiters. This is an opportunity for us to involve parishioners who have not been involved or active to be given an invite to be part of an Event and socialize with many parishioners they do not know. Fr.Barber was very supportive of taking this direction. Louise Johnson and Shirley will work together to identify some of these parishioners to be called by the food committee.

#### MINISTRIES INFO UPDATED

Social Ministry – It has been decided that the Social Ministry will hold meetings monthly. They have put the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month on the calendar. Louise Johnson has been chairing this ministry. She has asked that each member of this ministry take turns planning and chairing this ministry until a new chair is in place.

It was also noted that members of this ministry should invite others as a guest. In doing so this ministry can listen to concerns and needs that fellow parishioners think should be addressed. Also, many parishioners are not knowledgeable to this ministry and we should share and invite.

The “Alternative Market” that has been in our community is being looked at to be a local Market for our Parish in November. This decision came after the event last year usually hosted by a local church did not take place. More details will be available after the Social Ministry makes a final decision of directions and needs locally and global.

#### FOOD DRIVE

The Youth Group will be planning a food drive in October. Shirley will visit with Eric to ensure that we are planning with the Boy Scout Food Drive in mind as well. The Social

Ministry also was looking at switching the month of their Food Drive. They also were looking at October. A decision will be made after we hear back from Eric.

NPL – Karen Tramp was asked to take minutes for NPL and she has agreed. She was also invited to be the liaison for NPL at the SOFC meetings. She will probably not take this responsibility as she has a conflict on the dates set for SOFC meetings. We will continue to search for a representative and hopeful we will be able to choose someone from the NPL group.

It has been noted that the NPL guidelines do need to be updated to reflect more current practices. They will also need to plan a calendar of events in place for the upcoming year.

Family Fun Day that was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> was a good event, but not enough involvement to get people interested. The event was created by Vern and Mary Jane Fries. It was suggested that we hold this on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Religious Ed. as a “Kickoff” for the year.

Welcome Committee – Mission Statement includes “encourage participation”. A goal of 50 new families per year in 2009 was set . Discussed a new approach for how to welcome new parishioners. Also discussed the need to define NPL duties vs. Welcome Committee vs. Shirley’s duties.

Shirley gave us an update on the Elizabeth Ministry with a written report. Those notes will be documented for the Parish Council.

Discussion took place regarding both the Elizabeth Ministry and NPL lacking strong leadership. It is hopeful that we will be able to obtain people in both ministries that will be willing to fulfill the leadership. SOFC will be following up on a possibility for Elizabeth Ministry. It was suggested that Rita Timmer provide a retreat for Social Ministry with the hope of uniting the Elizabeth Ministry.

Fr. Hal Barber closed our Meeting with a Prayer

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 10 at 6:30

Submitted by,  
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