

St. Therese
Social Outreach Fellowship Committee
Minutes of September 8, 2011 Meeting

Members present: Shirley Donnelly, Louise Johnson, Joan Lund, Jean Rasmussen, Father David
Stevens (as time permitted)

Members absent: Beverly Christopherson, Dave Husby, Jane Moore, Kristi Smith

Opening prayer: Father David

Mission/Vision statement: Joan Lund

1. A discussion of the **August 25 meeting of the three Standing Committees** was heard. It was generally agreed that the Standing Committees would meet twice yearly, but dates could not yet be determined until some preliminary meetings were set on the calendar. The matter will be taken up again in the October meeting.
2. A conversation about the **Stewardship Booklet** was heard. Each standing committee and the sub committees under each standing committee need to read and review the description listed in the St. Therese Stewardship Ministries WE ARE CALLED booklet, last published in 2009-2010. Additions and corrections need to be made by each group in preparation for the 2012 publication. To give each group ample time, the three standing committees (Faith Formation, Liturgy and Social Outreach/Fellowship) will be notified by e-mail from Father David immediately. A deadline of mid November was set for receiving the updates back from the committees.
They need to contact the sub committees under their ministry, request that they review and update their "job description," and relay the necessary changes back to their standing committee.
The contact person from the standing committee will then relay the changes to Father David. After Father David's approval, the description of the ministry will be processed into the St. Therese 2012 Stewardship Booklet.
3. An informal discussion was heard about how **Greeters at Mass** could be organized and trained.

4. **Respect Life** activities were heard. Rick Collins is the new contact person. A request will be made to the Respect Life group for a schedule of events to be listed on the church calendar. A recent meeting of Respect Life volunteers made these recommendations:
 - Life Chain in October
 - Monthly Holy Hour at church
 - Pray at Planned Parenthood
 - Pray the Life Prayer
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5. A meeting has been set for September 12 for the **Welcome Committee**. Julie Derner, Chair, Shirley Donnelly and Louise Johnson plan to attend. Some of the ideas offered at the August 11 meeting will be considered. A less formal approach to welcoming newcomers to St. Therese will be examined.
6. **Community Outreach** was brought up. Louise Johnson offered to put a notice in the church bulletin to field interest. Community Outreach is a program that requires volunteers to train, then mentor families/individuals who are experiencing financial difficulty, including loss of their homes
7. **Parish nurse, Beverly Christopherson**, sent a written report about upcoming activities. She is working on the End of Life Seminar in October, the church library, Sad isn't Bad series and Elizabeth Ministries.
8. Louise Johnson requested information about Eucharistic Outreach for the Parish Council meeting. Jean Rasmussen will secure the information.
9. Louise Johnson announced that she will be stepping down from chair of Social Outreach Fellowship Committee effective June 2012.
10. The group closed the meeting with the Hail Mary, to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary on the occasion of her nativity.

In His service,
Jean Rasmussen