

## St. Therese

### Social Outreach Fellowship Committee

#### Minutes of October 13, 2011 Meeting

Members present: Beverly Christopherson, Shirley Donnelly, Dave Husby, Louise Johnson, Jean Rasmussen

Members absent: Rick Collins, Joan Lund, Jane Moore, Kristi Smith

Opening Prayer: Louise Johnson

Mission and Vision Statement: Louise Johnson

1. January 21, 2012 has been set for an **annual meeting of the Social Outreach Fellowship Committee** with all of the sub committees that fall under the umbrella of Social Outreach. The purpose is to establish open communication between each group. The needs and successes of each of the committees will be recognized with encouragement and help offered to those who need assistance.
2. Shirley meet with **Faith Formation co chairs**, Mic Pellman and Twyla Steinberger. A question was raised about the Stewardship booklet being updated/revised to better meet the needs of St. Therese parishioners. SOFC members offered these ideas:
  - *Hand out the Sign Up Sheet during the weekend Masses, possibly while the children are out.*
  - *Allow enough time to do a thorough explanation without rambling, about 10 minutes.*
  - *Have a rehearsal for speakers before they present the explanation at Mass.*
  - *Practice "the Ask" for a commitment from parishioners on the day of the presentation.*
  - *A representative from each of the standing committees could give the explanation.*
  - *A power point presentation could be prepared to use while the explanation is given.*

Invite Mic Pellman and Twyla Steinberger to offer marketing strategies that may improve the Stewardship Booklet, its presentation and its distribution.

Another discussion was heard about the necessity of scheduling church events early enough to be included on the church calendar. The advantage is to better coordinate

and at times, combine church activities rather than duplicate activities. Each committee needs to be aware of the others activities/projects to offer support.

3. Louise Johnson contacted **Community Outreach** to let them know that St. Therese had not been able to field a volunteer to carry out the mentorship.
4. Shirley Donnelly and Louise Johnson met with Julie Derner to revise the **Welcome Committee** procedures on September 12. The next Welcome to St. Therese Dinner is set for Sunday, November 13 after the 11:00 Mass. Invitations will be sent out next week. Donna Christensen will prepare the meal, with other helpers in the kitchen. The gift bags will be given out at the time of the dinner. Father David will give a welcome message in the church before the meal begins. Julie Derner will offer a welcome message also. Father David will move from table to table during the meal to be able to meet all the newly registered. Entertainment could be provided for the children in attendance. The church calendar of events could be handed out to the new parishioners. Mentors will contact the newcomers to have follow up on church happenings. Correspondence by mail to all the newly registered will be employed if personal contact is not possible.
5. Rick Collins will be the contact person for the **Respect Life Committee**. The Respect Life Committee recently sponsored the Life Chain on 41<sup>st</sup> Street on October 2. A get well card was sent from SOFC to R. Collins after his knee surgery.
6. Bridget Dahlin is working with a committee on **Teacher Appreciation** activities.
7. Beverly Christopherson presented a written **Parish Nurses' Report**.
  - a. The End of Life Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 to 12:30. Sign up is at the Information Center in the gathering space.
  - b. The Care Notes are well received by the parish. A thank you will be sent to the benefactor who is sponsoring the cost of the Care Notes.
  - c. B. Christopherson will add a diabetic screening to the blood pressure screening after the Christmas holidays.
  - d. With Father David's approval, B. Christopherson will publish the information in the church bulletin about where unused or expired medications can be disposed. The disposal will take place on Saturday, October 29 at the SF Police department.

- e. B. Christopherson attended Sad isn't Bad, a counseling program for those experiencing grief. She described the program as excellent.
8. Sue Williams is willing to be the contact person for the **Elizabeth Ministry**.
9. Kudos were given to the **Social Ministry Committee** for their work. A card of encouragement and gratitude was signed and sent to Social Ministry. Social Ministry has recruited three new members recently. Vern and Mary Fries coordinated the Wednesday Night supper on October 12. Meals were also delivered to shut ins. Father David is encouraging the Confirmation class to help deliver the meals to shut ins. The Alternative Market is scheduled for the weekends of November 12-13 and again on November 19-20. The three charities selected for 2011 are: St. Therese family , Children's Inn and Somalia Relief. Back Packs will be filled by St. Therese on Tuesday, November 8 at 5:45. Forty persons are needed to accomplish the task. Again the Confirmation Class is invited to participate.
10. **Parish Activity Leaders** have scheduled Turkey Bingo for November 20. Mexican Fiesta will be set for February 11, 2012. There are five families working on PALS currently. Additional members are needed, recruitment is in process.
11. Father David has invited St. Therese parishioners to send greetings to Sister Caridad at the Cathedral who will become a naturalized citizen on October 21.
12. Louise Johnson reminded the SOFC that she will retire as head of SOFC in June of 2012. Recruitment for a replacement is needed.
13. The group closed the meeting with a Hail Mary.