

January Family Life 2008

This was our first meeting since October of 07. November I was sick and December we had weather problems. In attendance were: Pat Crosby, Beth Buczko, Christine Schmidt, Jack O'Brien, Francesca Forrest. Missing were: Nancy Fisk- Recently lost her ex-husband and was taking to Beth so I understand; Edna McAveney I had not seen since last June when she committed to being on the committee but I do email her the meeting information. Shelly Garrow and Roseann Montefusco communicate via email if they have any concerns. Shelly is unable to meet due to a work commitment . Shelly is our Children's Christmas Crafts contact . Roaseann due to family commitment cannot make the meetings but will email me, she is our Food Pantry contact. Also missing were Mike Hurst our Bereavement contact, Cheryl Symancyk, Carole Donohue and Barbara Provost. Barbara expressed in October that she would join us when she is able due to a family matter.

Agenda

Meeting was held on January 22, 2008 at 7PM in the Tovet Room. We reviewed the dates for our next 5 meetings: Feb-12th; March 18th; April 15th; May 20th; and June 17th. All were in agreement.

Next we discussed the Bethlehem Baby Shower- we all agreed that it would be great to do this again, I will bring this up at the next Parish Counsel meeting.

Next Jack O'Brien updated us on CYO Basketball- There are 6 teams going strong. The only problem they have encountered was with fund raising. There was a delay in printing the raffle fund raiser which caused a delay in selling and profits were low and not much money was raised. Beth suggested the donations be made through and Easter raffle, make up a basket, take a chance, raise money and someone gets a wonderful Easter gift. Jack also mentioned that a car wash would increase money. To be discussed next month.

Beth Buczko updated with Francesca on the Crop Walk. I hadn't heard the final results so I asked.....Beth was waiting to hear from Harry at the Congregational Church but to date had not received a report. Francesca mentioned that she received a report but only because she was the contact left with Harry. She will try to find for us. The Crop Walk raised about \$2,000-3,000. We will also discuss this next month. Beth would like to take over for Harry next year. Francesca mentioned that he had no replacement to help him. This could be good or is it? Beth would need to contact the Crop Walk office in Ludlow .. The key to success if preparation.....to be discussed next month.

Christine Schmidt updated us on the Middle School Ministry. They will not be holding a "movie night" due to poor attendance. Other family suggestions were a

bowling night? and what else we come up with. Still in the works. The Middle School Ministry works very hard to continue its goal. A mission statement was proposed to us and I will bring this up at the next Parish Council meeting.

We have all chimed in about our one big event _ the parish picnic- Francesca liked the fiddlers, Beth will speak to Bob L about the food menu, Christine the bounce house and activities; D.J.- Scott?

Beth would like to branch out the Family Life umbrella with a support group for families dealing with Cancer. She is presently working on a mission statement for the approval of the Parish Council and we will keep you updated.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 26th.

see you all there.

Thanks, Pat Crosby