

Minutes from September 13th Family Life Meeting

In attendance were Pat Crosby, Beth Buczko, Mike Hurst, Jack O'Brien, Barbara Provost, Cheryl Symancyk, Francesca Forrest, Carole Donoghue, and Dara Dull.

Absent were: Christine Schmidt, Nancy Fisk, Edna McAveney

Updates on the following events:

Crop Walk

Francesca is working with Beth who will be taking over the organization of future Crop Walks. An announcement will be made at all the Masses and volunteers will assist Beth in the gathering space with forms and to explain the Crop Walk. Beth explained the form to us and talked about going to area gyms for sponsors. Also a nurse will be on route in case of injury, water will be given out along the route and pizza for all in the end. We will also bring forms to the next Parish Council for those who would like to be a sponsor.

Food Pantry

Dara Dull is reviewing candidates to replace her as the organizer. Our food pantry serves 40-50 families in our parish. Dara will update us on her replacement. In the meantime, she is all set for now. A suggestion was brought to my attention this weekend at Mass- Could we use Big Y coins for the Food Pantry?

CYO Basketball

Jack spoke and said that basketball is going well. Teams will be formed by the honor system this year. Tryouts will be held the 3rd and 4th weeks in October. Notices will be sent out via Generations of Faith. There are 3 teams of boys and girls -3rd/4th; 5th/6th; 7th/8th graders. Practice time will be a struggle for a space. Mike Hurst is the liaison for basketball to help Jack. Basketball is a good sport for the "confirmation candidates". Those who need to have a confirmation time could be part of the group and Jack would be more than happy to help them find something to do to help out.

Bereavement

Mike Hurst is officially the "Bereavement Team" contact person. Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Tovet Room (when

available) at 7 PM. The group is running smoothly and Mike mentioned that the group dynamics are better with larger groups. Carole Donoghue is joining the Bereavement Team. Mike and I feel that to be all in sync there should be monthly meetings of just the Bereavement Team members. Beth asked if we can have a group going to help cancer patients (for example-people who have been through the process and would better understand other people who could use some help. Sounds like the Bereavement group will be heading in another spin-off. Anyone else interested? Will talk some more about this at the next meeting. Mike suggested that we invite our bereavement group to participate in the transitus Mass next month.

New Business:

I had the idea of Gift Wrapping for the season to help those who don't or can't wrap their own gifts. Perhaps a few weekends in the Tovet Room. Carole and Pat would be the team so far. More to discuss in the next meeting. Any profits would be given to the Church Building fund.

Meetings Please mark your calendars

I have confirmed with the office our Bereavement meetings and Family Life for the next few months.

Family Life- Tovet Room at 7 pm-10/23/07; 11/28/07; 12/11/07

Bereavement -Tovet Room at 7pm :10/3/07 same night as the Transitus;
10/17/07 - 11/7 and 11/21- 12/5 and 12/19