

Parish Life Council
Thursday, July 19, 2007

Members Present: Father Boyer, Deacon Byron Jacobson, Michael Buckley, Mary Bojarski, Dana Ezell, Kelly Deaver, Beth Lenherr, Pam Grega, Brenda Imy, Mary Jane Metzinger, Ed Marsom and Cheryl Jacobson

Choir: Pam Grega

The choir will begin regular practice beginning Wednesday, August 1st. The Men's Choir will be singing at the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 29th.

Father Boyer and Pam attend NPM in St. Louis the week of July 9th. Approximately 3,400 people were in attendance. They both came away from the week with a lot to share with the community. We are also in the process of hiring a new organist.

Food for Friends: Brenda Imy

The FFF Ministry is serving salad during the summer months. The ministry is going strong and serves those in need every second Tuesday of each month.

St. Vincent de Paul: Ed Marsom

The society just finished their busiest quarter thus far, assisting with \$17,979.00 in aide. This amount includes 206 case, 490 people, 1,090 hours and 5,030 unreimbursed miles. Over \$8,000 was spent in May with assistance.

Parishioner, Donna Davoren, will be the new president beginning October 1, 2007.

There will be more information in the bulletin about the Paris trip, as there are not enough people signed up yet.

Kitchen/Hospitality: Mary Jane Metzinger

Some new flatware and drinking glasses have been purchased for the kitchen. We are not buying anymore Styrofoam plates or bowls. Mary Jane asked that each group using the kitchen check in the pantry and refrigerator before purchasing more items. Mary Jane or Doris Tresemer will be happy to purchase needed papergoods, lemonade, plasticware needed for an event.

Father Boyer is keeping his eye open for an overhead sprayer for the stainless steel kitchen sink in the kitchen.

Liturgical Ministers/RCIA: Deacon Byron Jacobson

There will be an Altar Server Training on Saturday, July 21st, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Parents of the servers are asked to stay for the first 15 minutes. Pizza and drinks will be served after the training.

There have been numerous weddings this summer and all has gone well so far.

1st Communion/Daily Bread: Mary Bojarski

Daily Bread has been purchasing the milk for the families at East Main Place.

There are 35 students signed up the 1st Communion.

Neighborhood Ministry: Dana Ezell

Help is needed with serving and picking up donuts the second Sunday of every month.

The next Saturday Night Potluck is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Founders Hall. Everyone is invited. More details will be announced in the bulletin.

Knights of Columbus/Ladies Auxiliary: Kelly Deaver

The Knights of Columbus Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, August 4th, in Founders Hall. Donations for the sale will be collected at the church from 2-8 p.m., July 31st through August 3rd. There will be an insert in the bulletin this weekend about the garage sale.

Youth Ministry: Beth Lenherr

The Youth Group sold t-shirts and profited \$900.00. Confirmation will kick off with a barbeque on Sunday, August 19th.

The Senior Brunch in May went over very well.

Father Boyer was contacted by a family member of a young man in a detention center in Norman. Both Father and Beth have been visiting him over the last couple of months and the young man has expressed interest in being baptized Catholic. Everyone is very pleased with all of this.

Religious Education: (As reported by Cheryl Jacobson for Lori Hoehner)

We had a very successful Vacation Bible School. 87 children participated with 55 helpers in various areas. We were very strict with the deadline for registration. Thank you to all of the parishioners who helped donate supplies and snacks.

With registration, \$1,995.00 was brought in. Expenses were just beyond that at \$2,257.00.

Next year's VBS theme will be the Rainforest Adventure: A Tree Top Bible Blast. It will be held June 23-27, 2008.

Early enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year began in May. We have 63 students enrolled so far. Enrollment will be held after each Mass on the weekends of August 18/19 and August 25/26. We are in need of catechists.

We are doing very well with our safe environment training status. Any new members of ministries need to complete the SET. We provide SET every 1st Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. as well as appointments.

New Business: Father Boyer

The FEMA Board meets quarterly and Father Boyer attended the last meeting. It seems that whenever extra help is needed, the administration always knows to go to the Catholic Churches for their help. All of the various agencies are overextended.

The Food Pantry was closed because the building was changed. Alameda Church of Christ is the only church in town with a food pantry. There have been concerns about their method of food distribution. The crisis shelters are overwhelmed and the protection of the homeless is in jeopardy. At some point in time, St. Mark may host a meeting with all of the local agencies in Norman.

ASCS enrollment is at an all-time high, with 220 students. Help is needed with painting the interior of the building. There were not as many applications from families for help with tuition assistance as there has been in the past.

St. Mark's 2007-2008 budget is complete. A new budget item this year is an orphanage in Haiti. It has been budgeted for about \$20,000 this year. We will start off paying \$1,000 a month.

We will be having a parish mission at St. Mark's on February 17, 18 and 19th.

Next Meeting: The PLC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jacobson