

Family Life/Church Life Committee Meeting October 9, 2007

Those present: Melissa Brimeyer, Lynda Roesler, Inez Tobin, Celeste Murphy, Karen Wyatt, Karen VndeCastele

Parish Council meeting minutes were read by Inez Tobin. At that meeting it was decided our committee would be in charge of welcoming new parishoners. Discussion followed. Karen and Loras both have been receiving the names from Erika. No home visits have been made for the last year. Karen and Loras Schafer had already met in Sept and decided to have the last weekend of October set to pass out the welcome packets (bags) to newcomers at all masses.. Karen V will make a poster. The poster and one or two of us will be near the nursery where any new members (who all have already been called) will look for us.

It was decided that December 2 and February 4 welcoming new members will be incorporated with the Adult Faith Formation (HOF). A notice could be put in the bulletin letting new members know the packets will be available at those times. Melissa will contact Erika and Maggie Liske to see if this is OK with them. We hope to take pictures of new members also and maybe post them on a board so other parishoners can recognize them and make them feel welcome. Melissa will also ask Erika what she sends out to newcomers so we don't duplicate things.

Our committee will do a breakfast Feb 10 if that fits OK on the calendar.

Father Parlette had requested an explanation of what each committee does. That had been done some months ago also. We discussed the many events etc our committee does.

We discussed a way to make money to help take care of parish expenses etc. Fund raising was discussed – a car donated or perhaps a John Deere lawn mower and chances sold?? And raffled at our next festival perhaps?? At the Parish Council meeting St Ann's was described as a unique parish as we don't have the surrounding parishes to come to events (to raise money/support our functions) like the Davenport churches.

Discussed a way to help the food pantry. This could be done by passing a basket with slips of paper having food items written on them after communion. Anyone who wants can take a slip and bring that item to the church on a designated date. This could work!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wyatt
Family Life/Church Life Secretary