

Minutes
Ministry Awareness & Fellowship (Goal #1)
Implementation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 2, 2009

Meeting convened on July 2, 2009, at 7:00 PM, R.E. Bldg., Rm #2

Members present included: Joe Hank (coordinator), Maria Olsen, Sarah Leahy, and Dave Atkinson (pastoral council member). Unable to attend were: Maria Lewis, Amy Richards, Mark Rasins, and Serafina Dunn.

Review of April 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes: Joe Hank asked for any comments or changes to the minutes of the April 11, 2009 committee meeting, and all indicated they had no additional comments or recommended changes.

Ministry Support Update: Mark Rasins was unable to attend the meeting so we were unable to get an update on his actions. Maria Olsen indicated that she had found that the Ministry Leaders list on the HNJ website had been updated recently and she had updated the Welcome Packets with the new information.

Welcoming Committee Update:

Maria Olsen indicated that there had been no Interested in Joining the Parish cards received since our last meeting on April 11th, that there had been only 4 new registrations during that time, and that she had completed the Welcome Letters and packages for them to be sent out by the office. Maria also indicated that she had made several follow-up telephone calls to those who had previously filled out interested in joining the parish cards with mixed results. Two had moved out of the area, two indicated they would try to register soon, and she was unable able to contact four of them. Maria was continuing to document her actions in the "New Parishioners Action Log Book". Maria indicated that she was continuing to update the Welcome Packets as information changed and new inserts became available. Sarah indicated that she had found errors in the Young Adult Ministry information in the parish ministry booklet and that she would get with the church office to have corrections made.

Joe Hank indicated that he had presented the committee's sample "Welcome Card" (to be placed in the church pews for newcomers) to Father Dominic and Deacon Gary for their review and approval. Some time later Deacon Gary indicated that Father Dominic had decided on a somewhat different format and they were working on having them published professionally. Deacon Gary had also indicated that they were looking into having special holders installed in the pews for the cards so that they would be readily visible and accessible.

Joe indicated that the newcomers welcome brunch held on May 31st was once again very well done. Maria Lewis and Amy Richards organized the event and it was well received by all who attended. The newcomers who attended seemed to be very appreciative and were seen talking with many of the ministry leaders who attended. Unfortunately, from the approximately 33 invitations that were sent, only 4 new parishioners/families were able to attend with one being a family of six for a total of 10 new parishioners attending. Joe suggested that we plan to hold the next welcome brunch in early November if there are enough new parishioners by that time.

Fellowship Committee: Joe Hank stated that he had not received any updated information in this area. Sarah Leahy suggested that we continue to pursue the idea of having some of the parish ministries organize/sponsor selected parish fellowship functions throughout the year so that no one individual or ministry is overburdened with the task. The members present discussed approaches for implementing that idea but were unable to finalize an approach by meeting's end. They agreed to continue to work on the approaches for the next meeting.

“Welcome/Ministry Bulletin Board” update: Maria Lewis and Amy Richards were unable to attend the meeting so we were unable to get an update on their actions. It was noted that the bulletin board appears to be used since different parts of its contents appear to be shuffled from time to time.

Publicity Committee: Maria Lewis and Amy Richards were unable to attend the meeting so we were unable to get an update on their actions.

Other: Joe indicated that he had provided a budget request to Deacon Gary for Goal #1 for the upcoming 2009 – 2010 fiscal year beginning July 1st, but had not yet received what had been approved. Joe indicated that he would provide the committee with that information when it was available.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date and time was left open since there were not enough committee members present to decide on the best time. Joe indicated he would work that via email.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Thank you to all who attended and for all of your meaningful inputs. A special thank you to Dave Atkinson for joining us and for his contributions.

Joe Hank, Goal #1 Coordinator