

Reaching Out Committee Minutes May 29, 2008

Present: Mary Ann Wilkes, Alice Hatzenbeller, Jane Januszewski, Denise Gadowski, Ruth Kuick, Renee Tezak-Unti



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We are in need of a chairperson to help with the leadership of this group. This past year we had committee members rotate leading our meetings however since there is no one coordinating the entire project things get lost in the shuffle or end up on Alice's desk. We know we need to recruit additional members but is it unreasonable to have a new person become the chairperson. Denise will create an advertisement for the bulletin to help create awareness. We will review ad at next meeting. Mary Ann said she would consider being co-chair with someone and Denise said she might be able to be a co-chair also. They are going to think and pray about this before our next meeting.

As a group we discussed moving the Reaching Out Box to the center of the Gathering Space on weekends when we don't have fundraisers or hospitality. Denise will contact Fred Sadler for the usher schedule to ask them to move box out on Saturdays and Ruth will move it back on Sundays.

The group reviewed Lenten Ark project and donations seem to be falling again. We decided collectively to try a new project. Jane will review the website for the Rice Bowls Catholic Relief Services collecting information and ordering items for our next meeting. (<http://orb.crs.org/>) We hope to form a subcommittee to take on the Lenten Project to start on Ash Wednesday, 2/25/09 and end on Easter Sunday, 4/12. We may try to incorporate a "Rice Meal" with speakers on Hunger.

We reviewed the current agencies. We will remove Interfaith and keep South Milwaukee Human Concerns on our monthly collection labels. Collection for Interfaith will take place on one weekend – similar to the "souper" bowl collection that St. Vincent de Paul does. We need to work out details of when, etc. We will move House of Peace to November and Guest House to December. Denise will bring updated list of contacts/agencies for the next meeting so that we can discuss this further.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 17, 6pm Denise will email out menus for Chinese and we will order ahead of time. Denise will bring the food to the next meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: September 6 – Ministry Fair; October 30 -- Convocation Social Ministry

Proposed meeting dates: 2008 - August 21, October 16
2009 - February 19, May 21

- We also need to choose a date in December for the label stapling.

AGENDA

- Introduce new members guests, etc.
- Living our Faith DVD viewed as opening prayer followed by discussion questions
- Discuss Lenten project for next year (Operation Rice Bowls)
- Discuss current list of agencies. Are there new ones we should consider? Any problems encountered in this last year? Suggestions?
 - "Rice" with substance during Lent (work with Voices for Justice Committee)
- Chairperson for our group
- We will figure out if we will participate in the Interfaith Mum Sale in September
- Review Meeting Dates including December