

CFC Meeting November 11, 2008 Minutes

Present: John Lee, Alan Czajka, Phill Unti, John Stodola, Alice Hatzenbeller, Maria Schulner, Fr. Pat, Julie Barber, Sue Maurer, Carol Daun, Eileen Hobbs, Steve Heiges, Shelly Madden, SallyGalewski (by phone)

Reflection – Carol led us in discussion of the question of the week

Presentation by Lighthouse Media - Representative Lillian Ciske presented what Lighthouse Media has to offer our parish. Lighthouse is a non-profit organization that began in 2005. It's mission is to bring the Word and Jesus to people through media, mainly CDs. Many topics are available. If a parish is interested, a display stand (\$300) would need to be bought, if money is an issue, the Knights of Columbus will cover this charge. Then 9 different CDs and brochures would be displayed where parishioners could see them and take them. Suggested donation is \$3 per CD. Lillian created a suggested display for our parish which would include 90 cds and 150 brochures, plus the stand for a total of \$566. There is a 90 day no-risk guarantee to try it. There is also the CD of the month club. \$5 per month and one CD is sent to your house. \$12 per month and 5 copies of the same CD are sent. This program also works as a fund raiser since .75 per 1 CD would go back to the parish or \$1 per a 5 copy membership. Lillian left a few cds for us to listen to. Lillian mentioned other parishes that use this: St. John the Evangelist, St. Veronica's, St. Joe's Wauwatosa and a parish in Oshkosh and Fond du lac.

After she left, there was discussion. The speakers featured on the cds are considered to be more conservative. Is this the direction we really want for our parish? It was decided members who are interested can listen to the cds and bring feedback to the next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Athletics (Sue Maurer)

Soccer is done, basketball is up and running. The 7th grade boys have no team due to lack of interest. 8th grade girl's volleyball team participated in the Seton Tournament. The BVPSL soccer league continues to be hosted at our site and Divine Mercy. There were 8 schools in the fall league, there will be 11 in the spring league. The board currently consists of Sue Maurer and a person from St. Roman's. There is a great need to increase membership on this board. Phill asked for a list of the participating school's soccer coordinators from Sue. Sue mentioned what a positive experience it has been with St. Matthew's being one of the host sites for this league. A real sense of community has been fostered by this. St. Matthew's has also benefited from the running of the concession stand during the games.

YAC (Carol Daun)

The children in the religious formation classes will be making ornaments to take home as a reminder for buying a toy to donate to the House of Peace in December. Religious formation is also beginning a winter clothing drive to benefit the children who attend the Urban Day Academy in Milwaukee. We are also looking at doing a school supply at a later point.

Adult Formation (Alice Hatzenbeller)
see attachment for report

Board of Education (John Lee)
Planning has begun for Catholic Education Week. The brochure is being re-done and an effort will be made to promote our school in our local public schools. Also, a plan is being pursued which would allow parishioners of surrounding parishes to be able to send their children to St. Matthew school at the reduced parishioner rate without having to be a member of our parish. There has been some initial discussion of this with surrounding parishes and thus far it has been well received.

School (Julie Barber)
Conferences are this week, the children all are doing well. Julie has had more time this year to do “drop-in” visits in all the classrooms – just about every other day. The school just completed a Veteran’s card outreach. Thanksgiving mass coming up. During the Advent season each class will have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The school is in need of someone to do lunch/recess duty. This is a stipend position; ads have been put in the bulletin and St. Matt’s Matters, 1 inquiry but no takers.

Parish Council – (Maria Schulner)
Boiler discussion is still in progress.
Phill added that the SCRIP proposal that we voted on last month was also passed by the Council.

Chairperson’s Report (Phill Unti)
Budget Planning – we need to look further out i.e. 3 year planning as opposed to year to year. Take a look at budget line items – are they really being used? Should the money be moved to where it could really be utilized? Phill would like to sit with each of us to discuss in more detail.

Men Of Christ Conference – Jan 10, 2009 Is there a way to bring the energy from the conference back to the parish? How do we keep that enthusiasm going? Phill would like for us to explore this.

Bible Study – Phill commented that he sees a desire for more of this type of formation in our parish. Given the pastoral staff’s already full work loads, could we look into lay people leading Bible studies?

Discussion:

- Question was raised asking for more clarification regarding the budget process; Phill re-explained some of the points.
- Agenda Committee? Question was raised; do we need an agenda committee to set agenda for this group? Consensus was no. We decided to continue sending agenda items by e-mail 1 month prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting: Feb. 10th

Closing reflection – Phill

Shelly motioned to adjourn meeting

Eileen seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Daun