



**Vision In Action**  
improving St. Therese Parish  
via

- Hands-on involvement
- Stewardship of time, talent & treasure
- Listening and doing

**Next meetings:**  
**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
**Saturday, Jan. 7**

# Vision In Action - VIA

## Nov. 5, 2011

Attending: Attending: Andy & Kathy Somers, Bill Kime, Carlos Herrera, Dick Schreiter, Ellen Vissers, Fr. Bill Hoffman, Greg & Jean Pethan, James Zimmer, Larrie Brazner, Nancy Bourassa, Sara Buscher, Dcn. Tony Abts, Delia Gonzalez, Irene Engichy.

**1. Opening Prayer** - Nancy, on the Eucharist.

**2. Name tags** - Ellen

Have made 310 so far. Will need to find another system for organizing these, also looking for a volunteer to take this over from Ellen. Can we have the greeters ask "Can I help you find your name tag?" and then take them through the steps of a temporary one if they don't have one yet? Suggestions: St. Bernard's has a nice system for name tags, also UCC on S. River St.

**3. TV** -

Still not running consistently. Need a contact person for this and someone to assemble the content weekly. Get a volunteer? (youth?) to help Carlos produce this (Powerpoint, scrolling pictures, calendar of upcoming events, etc. ) Then we need to write down the instructions for operating the TV/ player.

**4. Nov. 17 & Jan. 7** - Diocesan Stewardship Training-  
Is anyone going to these who could report back to us?

**5. Ministry talks** - Nov. 12 & 13 need people to talk about forming the Stewardship Committee. Andy will speak on Saturday, Ellen will talk on Sunday. After that we have Buildings & Grounds yet, then a wrap up.

**6. Lighting of the stoves - who knows how?** - Had a problem recently again about lighting the stoves in the cafeteria. Need to get the directions posted. Tim has shown Delia and Hector how to light them, they are contacts now for people who want to rent the facility. **Fr. Bill will see that someones writes / posts directions in the cafeteria.**

**7. Parish Council reorganization?** - Talking about changes for this group. Not necessarily having a rep from each committee, would like more representation from all cultures. Need to re-define it's mission. Would like to see it have more of a visionary role. They are parish leadership, VIA will support them. **Next PC meeting is Dec. 6 at 6:30, VIA is invited to attend.** They will talk about Fully Alive- the Bishop's letter.

**8. Calendar items** -

**A. Advent Retreat on Dec 3rd, 9-noon**

In charge: Fr. Bill, Carlos, Kathy will handle child care. Need food, drinks, etc.

**Will bake / bring 3-4 doz. cookies: Delia, Kathy, Ellen.**

**Break food: Nancy**

**Make coffee & orange drink: Bill Kime (buy concentrate & mix with water)**

**Free Will Offering sign: Ellen**

**Check plates / napkins / cups: Carlos**

**Clean up committee: Larrie and whoever else can stay**

**Phone Tree: Carlos / Chrissy**

**Order subs for lunch (and give them a heads up beforehand): ???--NEED VOLUNTEER**

**B. Epiphany Breakfast on Jan. 8th after Masses**

Carlos has 2 families from REP who are willing to cook for this.

**Bake Sale - Ellen will call Donnis & Judy**

**Posters - Ellen will make,** but need to know what the menu will be.

**Decorating - Ellen,** and could use a couple of helpers, either Saturday afternoon or 8:00 Sunday.

Can we get some REP kids to help? **Kathy & Fr. Bill will contact St. Thomas More to get a list of names.** Could they help with set up, clearing tables and clean up?

Need a chairperson for this event. **Ellen will call Mike & Chris Blevins & ask.**

**C. VIA social - Saturday Jan. 21**

Need to get this on everyone's calendars.

**Delia will call Solea to reserve the back room.** Cocktails 6:00, dinner 7:00

**9. A-3 on Where are we (VIA) going?**

How do we transform this into Stewardship? What is our part/cooperation with Parish Council? Are we and PC virtually the same? Will VIA morph into Stewardship, or remain separate? What are the differences / roles between Parish Council, Stewardship and VIA? Need to clearly define. Need to draw the picture. Where are we now, where do we want to be? Suggest a 3 hour retreat, led by an outside person, to discuss and define this. Nancy has someone in mind who could lead us. Ellen will set up a Doodle poll online to see what date works best for everyone.

**10. Next meeting: Dec. 17**

Somers will bring the treat.  
Contact Ellen if interested in leading the opening or closing prayer.

**11. Closing Prayer - said by Delia**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

*Minutes by Ellen Vissers*

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Calendar of Events that VIA needs to pre-plan or help with

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>START PLANNING</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
January	Jan. 8, 2012	Epiphany Breakfast / Bake Sale	Nov.	Carlos/Blevins?
January	Jan. 21, 2012	VIA social	Nov. or Dec.	Delia call/reserve
February	Feb. ??	Micronesian Dinner	Dec.	
March	March 17, 2012	Lenten Retreat	Jan.	
April	??	Seder Meal	Feb.	
April	?? Easter is 4/8/12	Easter Egg Hunt	Feb.	
June	June 29, 2011	PC & VIA cookout	May	
June	?? Flag Day is 6/14	Sell food @ parade	March	
July	July 8, 2012	Parish Picnic/Pound Sale @ Erb	May	Wiegands/Pethans
December	Dec. 3, 2011	Advent Retreat	Oct.	Fr. Bill/Carlos/Kathy

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**Parking Lot items:**

"If you're visiting" cards -- there should be something in the pew for people to fill out - maybe a brochure with info? Back panel to sign up to join parish / tear off and return. Ellen will work on that after the name tag project wraps up.

Ministry Fair - for Stewardship, to get more people involved

Report on Parish's financial health and VIA's involvement in budget crunch

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