



Vision In Action
improving St. Therese Parish
via

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

**Next meeting:
July 24 - 9am
(4th Saturday
of the month)**

Vision In Action - VIA

Meeting held June 19, 2010

Attending: Andy & Kathy Somers, Bert & Mary Wiegand, Bill Kime, Carlos Herrera, Dick Schreiter, Ellen Vissers, Ernesto Gonzalez, Fr. Bill Hoffman, Greg & Jean Pethan, James Zimmer, Larrie Brazner, Nancy Bourassa, Sara Buscher.

1. Opening Prayer was said by Dick Schreiter.

2. Picnic & Pound Sale July 11

Held in the Activity Center and yard. Need volunteers to help in various areas. Mary will print some sign up sheets and get them in the back of church. Fr. Bill and volunteers will make announcements at this weekend's Masses explaining the Pound Sale.

Refrigerator and freezer need to be moved back to the Activity Center for this event. After discussion the VIA members chipped in to hire Two Men & A Truck to do the moving. **Carlos will call and set that up. Carlos will also buy the paper plates, plasticware, napkins, etc.**

Kathy & Ellen will make posters, and get announcements in the bulletin. Mary will ask Steve Lemmers if he will be the auctioneer for the Pound Sale.

2. UPDATES:

TV - Bill Kime is building the TV stand out of white oak. It will have spines up the back to anchor the TV. We need to know the size of the computer and what is needed for ventilation. Dan Hoyer was donating the computer. **Bill will call Dan (c-422-1422).** The finish will be 15-20 coats of Tung Oil. Would VIA like to participate in rubbing on the finish? It would be a group project.

We need **volunteers to buy the TV, DVD/VHS and connectors.** Bert, Ernesto and friends will do this. It is suggested that we use Script to purchase this, possible.

Parish Respect Life - Sara has volunteered to head this up, and they are now forming a committee. They want this to be multi-cultural, with all ethnicities represented. She has some names to call.

They will be concerned with many areas of Respect Life: end of life, stem cells, abortion, Just War, political/ legislative, Liturgies. Sara has already contacted Wisconsin Right to Life and asked them to make their publications bilingual. They were receptive to that and told her about some upcoming events they have planned.

Web Page - The Communications Committee (Andy, Ellen, Carlos, Barb Miller and IT expert Eric Hass) met and looked over the web site. Some cleanup and rearranging will be done by Carlos and Eric. We have a concern about the calendar and keeping it up to date and coordinated with the master calendar that's kept in the office. **Bert and Larrie will follow up on this with Carlos and the office staff.**

Name tag use: - Sara brought in a sign up sheet that Combined Locks uses for people who want a name tag, we could do something similar to get the ball rolling at St. Therese. Discussion followed. We like the idea of name tags for special events are we ready to go parish-wide with this yet? Suggestion to table this for now. We could start by having the ushers and ministers wear name tags to get people used to them. **Ellen will make name tags for the ministers.**

Script - Greg looked into this. These are gift cards that we buy at a discount and then sell at full face value. The discount is our "profit"- 2-10% usually. After researching Greg feels this would take a major time commitment - ordering, managing the money, etc. An option would be to buy from ACES/Xavier and split the profit with them. *Would they be interested in coming to St. Therese one weekend a month and sell cards in the back of church after Masses?* Another option would be to sell prepaid VISA cards, good at any business.

Greg & Jean suggest that St. Therese do a Script Sale in November or early December so people could use Script to buy any gift cards for Christmas. Once a year would be manageable. We'd have to start planning in Sept/Oct. **Volunteers to discuss this further: Greg, Jean, Sara, Ernesto, Mary.**

Parish Council Pot Luck/ Visioning Meeting June 29. VIA and Finance Council are invited to this event. Social time starts at 6:00, dinner at 6:30.

5. Stewardship - "Our interpretation of Stewardship at St. Therese"

We need to do a survey of gifts & talents.

We need to promote an "Attitude of Gratitude". VIA suggests homilies on this topic.

One of Mary Ann Otto's suggestions was that people give time instead of treasure (painting, mowing, etc.)

We need to make a list of parish needs. Then post on the website? Bulletin insert? Remember Phone Tree also.

We are running short on time this meeting to discuss this; let's bring back next month.

6. Next meeting July 24 - 9am Kathy & Andy will bring a treat.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Minutes by Ellen Vissers

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Treat sign up (bring a treat to the VIA meeting)
July 25 - Kathy & Andy
Aug. 28 - need volunteer
Oct. 2 - James

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Jan. 30 - Bill Kime

Mar 6 - Greg & Jean

April 24 - Sara

May 22 - Dick

June 19 - Ellen

July 25 - Kathy & Andy

August -

Oct. 2 - James

Oct. 23 -

Nov. 20 - Mary & Bert

Dec. 18 -