

## **Parish Council Cookout & Meeting**

### **July 28, 2009**

Council members & staff present: Fr. Bill Hoffman, Laura Biskupic, Nancy Bourassa, Joni Van den Heuvel, Carlos Herrera, Freddy Orozco, Ernesto Gonzalez, Sr. Gemma Therese, Dick Schreiter, Jeff Steward.  
Also present: family members and other guests.

**1. Approval of minutes of last meeting:** approved as published.

Note: add Sr. Gemma to group email/packet list.

**2. Brainstorming ideas for a parish fundraiser -**

budgeted to raise \$8,000 (previously Germanfest / Mardi Gras).

Ideas:

- Sell T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc with St. Therese logo/ name on them. Every time there's an event, you get \$1.00 off the price if you wear yours. Wording in English, Spanish and Micronesian??? Maybe one weekend a month is Sweat Shirt Sunday - wear yours to church.
- Calendars for sale with our events printed on there. And/or money drawing weekly? Maybe kids artwork or parish photos for each month.
- Silent Auction alone, or combined with other activities / events.
- Food - for different age groups.
- Volunteer dinner was great
- Breakfast was great.
- Bake Sale
- Youth Event with food & other activities
- "Tappas" restaurant downtown - has small meals/appetizers, plates of food to sample - do something like that
- Not at St. Joes - no alcohol was allowed, problem with the size/shape of the school building - split the group
- Little Chute had a Golden Ticket Event that raised big bucks: sold candy bars, one had the Golden Ticket inside and won \$5,000. Had sampling of wine, cheese, desserts; casino; raffles.
- Keep it Hispanic also - sample various cuisines
- Modified Food Fair- international dishes
- Dancers / entertainment - Micronesian dancers also
- "Taste of Therese" ???
- Sports Tournament - volleyball, soccer. Charge for your team to enter.  
Mini Olympics" Summer & winter (Freddy - Boys & Girls Club contact)
- Older people have stupid/silly/bar olympic events - silly bowling, beanbag toss etc.
- Cards/ Dominoes, sheepshead, bridge
- Pilgrimage (Hispanics request) - made \$540 on trip to LaCrosse
- Simplicity of events - keep it simple
- Trash to Treasure sale - parish wide garage sale, more furniture-type items. Advertise we'll pick up items.
- Walk/Run with sponsors. End at the parish around lunch time where there will be food, music. Have T-shirts.
- Golf outing

Need to get a group together to get date, place, and do Public Relations to get it going.

### **3. REP update** - Sr. Gemma Therese

Most of us met Sr. Gemma for the first time tonight. She is getting acquainted with the parish & program.

### **4. Losing our Trustee-Treasurer-** Fr. Bill

We will need to elect new. Submit names of volunteers/nominees and vote at the annual parish meeting. Or – alternate method if only one name has come forward – would be to publish it in the bulletin for 3 consecutive weeks - like banns of marriage - and if no other names come forward, that person is elected "by popular acclaim". Some parishes in the diocese are doing it that way, and it's legal. So far, James Zimmer is the only person to have shown interest.

### **5. Pastor's Report** - Fr. Bill

A. Annual Parish Meeting is Thursday, Aug. 20th. Reports will be available ahead of time in church.

B. Building Sale - flat at this point. There are interested people, but they don't have the money. They had wanted to convert the building to housing.

### **6. Committee Reports**

A. Christian Service - Nancy

ESTHER put together grants at national and local levels proposing the hiring of a part time person for listening in Latino circles. Get police, schools, etc. involved in case of a raid. Need Rapid Response Program in place. Get recommendations, set up a place in case. Pres. Obama has pledged immigration reform coming early next year. Need to form a leadership team. Get specifics on what is needed to cooperate with the reform plans.

### **7. Chairperson's Report** - Laura

Need to form a fund-raiser subcommittee to keep the ideas from tonight going forward.

Volunteers: Freddy, Ernesto, Laura.

### **8. Open Discussion:**

A. Music at the Spanish Mass is great. Include music at the fund raiser.

B. Fund raising ideas - VIA group is creative, would you like them to generate additional ideas? Yes! Will take any/all ideas. Get the subcommittee to meet before, then come to the next VIA meeting. Also bring up at the annual parish meeting.

C. Would the T-shirts be ready for the Patronal Feast in Sept? Probably not.....

### **9. Next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 25th**

Prayer leader: Joni

Meeting adjourned at 8:17

Respectfully submitted:  
Ellen Vissers