



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

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

**Next meeting:**  
**March 6th**  
**9 am**

# Vision In Action - VIA

Meeting held January 30, 2010

Attending: 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, Sara Buscher., Sr. Gemma Therese.

Opening Prayer was said by Mary Wiegand.

## 1. Review of 2009 accomplishments:

What are we most proud of?

Web site; phone tree; Giving Tree providing school tuition; bi-lingual events successfully bringing us together; our group is still together with great energy, maintaining our enthusiasm, lots of participation; Bill Kime's leadership; good minutes.

Have we missed the boat on anything? Building the numbers, getting more Anglos to join St. Therese.

## 2. Evaluation of Epiphany Breakfast

Impressed with how quickly we pulled it off! Downfall: notifications to parishioners, next time more notice, further out. "Communicate 3 times, in different ways."

"Everybody bring one" would get more participation.

We need to get the cafeteria kitchen back up to speed for future events. Some items were added to the Hispanic version of the breakfast - both should have the same number of items. Lupe (Guadalupe) was a good chef; managed quietly and well. We ran out of a few supplies and had to run to the store. Next time we should have someone to pour the syrup for people. Could have used another pre-planning meeting, had a lot of last minute details, and added more items to the shopping list for Bert. Need to write down quantities and people served as a guideline for the next breakfast. We need to generate a checklist for events like this -- Mary Wiegand volunteered to do this. We should alternate chefs for different events - Dave Rank loves to cook.

## 3. Buy the TV & stand now that we have funds

The TV stand Bill saw at Sam's was \$500, but would need some modifications (locking wheels, cable tie-down, etc.) We need to get a small group together to advance this project. Check Craig's list for a stand, maybe Used But Nice Office Furniture on Richmond St. See what other options are out there. Also need to decide on a TV size. Talk to St. Thomas More about the TV they use in church? Our budget is about \$3,000 for this project.

Fr. Bill has info from Camera Corner in Green Bay. They have tech advisors who are offering their services to parishes in the diocese.

Subcommittee to make recommendations: Bert Wiegand, Dick Schreiter, Greg Pethan, Bill Kime and we should ask Daniel Hoyer who is donating the computer.

We need to come up with an instruction sheet on how to use the TV, contact person in case of problems, rules, software needed, guidelines for use. Talk to funeral director, staff, Camera Corner.

## 4. 2010 Goals

a. *Audit the Phone Tree* system - Bert will talk to office staff. If help is needed Ellen and Andy have volunteered.

b. *Set dates for retreats.* Morning from 9-12, bi-lingual, lunch to follow. Think about including children/teens. Child care provided? Kids' version of the retreat? Video tape the retreat?

Themes were suggested: Catholics Come Home; Holiday themes-Lent, Christmas; Catholic traditions; ethnic traditions associated with Advent/Christmas in various cultures. What it means to be young and Catholic. Would be nice to do a summer session for young people--get Fr. Quinn from the diocese to do presentation? Tie it into Picnic in the Park on July 11th?

Side suggestion: Buddy families up for cross cultural events - Live Way of the Cross, Posadas.

*Retreats for 2010: March 27* with Lent/Holy Week/Easter theme. Team volunteers: Kathy Somers, Wiegands and Pethans will help with lunch. Also *November 13* with Advent/Christmas theme.

**c. Meeting dates for VIA in 2010**

March 6	April 24	May 22	June 19	July 24	Aug 28	none in Sept
Oct. 2 & Oct. 23		Nov 20	Dec 18			

**5. Sara maintains the Yahoo group email list** - please let her know any changes.

**6. Next meeting: Goals and projects for 2010.** Email these around ahead of time, like we did for fund raising ideas. Ellen will collect/compile them.

7. Next meeting: March 6th; Greg & Jean to bring a treat.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:58.

Minutes by Ellen Vissers

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**Treat sign up** (bring a treat to the VIA meeting)

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 -