

Sister Parish Minutes
Saturday, May 10, 2008

Attendees: Fr. Jim, Dale Bly, Anne Brenaman, Linda Clay, Lori Kirkeby, Susan Meisch, Michael and Mary Van Winkle.

Absent: Mary Requa and Jay Wilson

The meeting was opened at 9:05 with a prayer by Fr. Jim. We had not had a meeting since February but it was determined that there were no minutes from that meeting. Regarding minutes, Anne Brenaman will do the minutes and in her absence Michael will do the honors.

We discussed the African Connections Conference. The consensus was that it was a wonderful conference, highlights were reviewed. Lori brought up that we need to do a fund raiser for Kenya. Some ideas were a talent show, a youth speaker to our high school students. Emily Gilbert was suggested. Lori will contact Tesia to see if she would like to be involved. The booklet from the conference is getting ready for the printer. The next steps for the conference is, the booklet, the budget for the next conference and a follow up meeting as an Africa 'interest session' at Priest Days.

Fr. Jim said that he has heard from Fr. Christopher. He hopes to come sometime in July and will be here a month. Apparently, he will have not new parishes but we can contact parishes of last year.

We will hope to go to the interested parishes and see about starting a sister parish relationship (with Keny sub-parishes that need help) This can hopefully be done with Fr. Christopher... Consider "Partners for Parishes." However, before this idea is implemented, Fr. Jim wants to check this idea out with JL Douhard.

Michael will email Fr. Christopher and Michael will let us know if there is a relationship between a certain parish and sub-parish.

Cottage industry projects were discussed briefly by Mary. Two ideas of products to be sold are headbands and tablecloths.

Discussion about a sugar cane project. John S. and a group bought land for sugar cane project. They need a loan that would be repaid to the diocese for another loan.

FINCA (microeconomics) – Michael is meeting with Joe Hastings on June 5th and will report to the committee next meeting.

Mission Statement- in progress

The group is also considering bringing in speakers to keep Kenya in the forefront. Michael is spearheading this.

The June meeting cannot take place on June 14 as Fr. Jim is away. The next meeting will be June 7 at 9:00 am.

Note: Fr. Jim will check with the bookkeeper to be sure that our 1% tithing for Kenya has taken place.

Adopt a Student: Susie sent out reminders and she received about 6 responses.

Michael gave us the balance in our Sister Parish account: \$4,057.78. These funds do not include Adopt a Student funds.

The meeting adjourned a little after 11:00 am.

Submitted: Anne Brenaman