

SISTER PARISH MINUTES FOR MARCH 21,2009

Committee members present: Fr. Jim, Linda Clay, Michael and Mary Van Winkle, Geri Schub, Lori Kirkeby, Mary Requa, and Anne Brenaman

Linda opened the meeting at 9am. Lori brought a beautiful African Hymn, from the 10th Century. (The cross is the hope of Christians....the cross is the source of those who seek water, the cross is the cloth of the naked. We thank you, Father, for the cross.

Reports:

Fr. Jim and Michael spoke with Fr. Christopher last week. Fr. C has sent a picture of his "new" car.

Michael reported that the next Pilgrimage meeting will be at 9:30am on April 4. Joe Hastings of CRS will be present. Nine folks are going on the pilgrimage and all are paid up to date.

The plans for the pilgrimage- teaching children, work with teachers, meet with the womens' microfinance groups (Mary has been involved with them.).

Meet with the Bishop; visit churches; see the new building; meet with the principal .

There will be a parish collection the week end of May 16-17 for the work in Kenya.

This money will go to Kenya via the pilgrims!

Anne suggested we have a calendar posted so parishioners at home can pray for the group each day. Anne will check with Gail on where this can be posted.

Coffee Social:

It was decided at an earlier meeting that we will participate in four coffee socials during the year. Linda asked for volunteers to make mandazis and four of us will do this. We will also have donuts, bagels (and fruit). Lori will take care of the raffle for the "Easter basket". Mary, Michael and Anne will assist with the coffee social. Set up will take place after the meeting (since the Sister Parish display will be downstairs for the social.)

African Connections: April 18

Michael collected the names of those attending (and getting those names to Susie Meisch.) Linda Clay will do the brief description of parish activities for Kenya. The group will car pool from Immaculate Conception and leave the church at 6:45am. Michael will collect the items for the display.

Mothers' Day Cards

Linda reported on this. One hundred and fifty (150) cards will cost \$43 (includes shipping). The Kick Off will be April 19. Linda will be speaking about the cards at all the Masses.

Anne will hand out the cards at the Apr. 26 Mass and will help Mary do this in Darrington. Lori will hand out the cards at the Sat. evening Mass on Apr.25 and May 2. Anne will hand out cards on May 3 and Michael on May 10. It is suggested that this money go toward the Bungoma Womens' microfinance groups. We MUST get the name of the recipient as these Mother Day cards are for a Novena of Masses to be said by Fr. Christopher.

Long Range Planning

Refer to the handouts from the January/Feb. meeting. The objectives are listed. Today, each committee member marked their personal priorities. The task before us is to define, refine the objectives, the desired outcomes and the appropriate actions. The results of the committee members:

1st priority: assist Bungoma parishioners with tithing their support of microeconomic/ village banking...

2nd.....regular communication between Fr. Christopher and the parishioners of Christ the King parish AND Immaculate Conception.

3rd-4th....annual prayer vigil

periodic prayer sessions for brothers/sisters in Bungoma parish

5th....support youth in their education/ i.e. adopt a student, etc.

6th....outreach to other parishes

Next Meeting:

There will NOT be an April meeting since the African Connections meeting is April 18.

Our next meeting will be 9:30am on May 9

Submitted by Anne Brenaman