

SISTER PARISH MINUTES

MAY 9, 2009

Sr Parish members in attendance: Fr. Jim, Lori Kirkeby, Jay Wilson, Michael and Mary VanWinkle, Geri Schub and Anne Brenaman

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer at 9am. The Sister Parish will host a Coffee Social- most likely in Sept.

The Mother's Day cards have brought in about \$600 to date and more will be sold at the Saturday eve. Mass and at the 9am Sunday Mass. Fr. Christopher will start the Novena, I believe, this coming week.

We need to be sure our Sister Parish information is getting to Susie for the Web site. Since Anne is doing the minutes, she will make sure that a report is sent to Susie after each meeting and prior to a sponsored event.

Michael discussed how the monies will be dispersed for the Womens' Table Banking. Actually, ideas were tossed out. I do not believe the dispersal has been completely clarified. The ideas discussed: what are WE willing to do (in helping in sales); what opportunities for sales here locally?; will we attend festivals or bazaars?; there is the store in Edmonds- Fabric of Life-which we need to visit.....The pilgrims will be meeting with the Tie/Dye group and the mat making group. There are other groups- growing trees and working with fish. More will be known AFTER the group returns from Bungoma.

The discussion continued on how to involve MORE of the parish. It is possible that after the return, when more knowledge has been gleaned, then we can approach the Women's Group and the Knights of Columbus.

As these two groups were discussed, their recent efforts in supporting the Sister Parish were recognized. Anne will write a thank you to them.

As our fragmented discussion evolved, we discussed that none of our youth are going to Africa. The Seattle Conference had some great youth speakers. Since it is clear that a parent will very likely NOT want to send a youth to Africa ALONE, Anne brought up the thought that maybe we could sponsor a youth and a parent. This would require assistance from the Knights of Columbus. Anne will approach them on this. The next trip would not take place until 2011.

Fr. Jim wants to be sure that a "Prayer Chain" is set up for the Pilgrims while they are on their Pilgrimage. Anne will set up a poster calendar so parishioners can pray for the pilgrims each day they are away- June 1 through 24.

Lori again discussed her idea of a Fund Raiser. She is still thinking of a Talent Show, possibly a dinner. This is still in the "idea stage." Jay Wilson wants to work with Lori on this concept.

The parish will hold its annual Sister Parish collection on the weekend of May 16-17. Part of those funds will be used to put on the "thank you....SHERSHE" dinner for the Bungoma Parish. This dinner is set for June 19.

The next Pilgrimage Meeting will be Saturday, May 16.

Michael brought up "Liaisons with other Parishes." Who would be interested in being on a visiting team to get other parishes interested in Sister/Parish relations and promote programs such as CRS' Cyber Bridges Program?

There was no immediate response, but we decided to discuss this again when the group has returned from Africa.

It was also mentioned that on May 23rd, the Pilgrims will be blessed by Fr. Crispin Okoth. After the May 23 Mass, there will be a parish celebration for Fr. Treacy's 90th birthday (which is May 31).

Submitted,

Anne Brenaman