

**Minutes of the January 25,2009
Meeting of the St. Tom's Parish Pastoral Council**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Andrea Gregory-Kreps.

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Dan Davis

Attendance:

Candy Silver, Fr. Dan Davis, Valerie Beyrouthy, Eileen Arthur, Keith Woeste, Fr. Tom Poulsen, Zenephia Evans, Jennifer Kerr, Sean Sullivan, Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, Fr. George Reynolds, Ann Kriebel, Andrea Gregory-Kreps, Jacki Sorensen, Jennifer Jacobi, David Violi, Jacob George, Loraine Rund, Allie Jeffs, Kristin Malavenda and Lynn Johal.

Not Present:

Lori Muhlenkamp and Tim Zaspal

- Introduction of new members and old members.
- Review of phone and email information with addition of new members.
- Father Dan explained history of Parish Pastoral Council.
- Brief explanation of duties of each officer and PPC election of officers were held. Jennifer Kerr was elected Chair, Allie Jeffs was elected Vice-Chair and Valerie Beyrouthy was elected Secretary.

Fruitful Harvest:

Candy Silver reported on the progress of Fruitful Harvest.

- All are welcome pledges at \$362,000 with \$38,000 to go
- Would like to finish by Ash Wednesday.
- Would like to meet the goal of \$400,000 from the resident parishioners
- Families in RED support is less than 50% and there was discussion on how to encourage that group to participate.
- Also please don't forget Mass at St. Mary's February 8th at 2:pm

Family Promise:

Father Dan gave an update on Family Promise

- Up and running
- Not able to identify families as of now.
- St. Tom's commitment was last week and their next commitment will be in April.
- St Tom's had 160 volunteers for Family Promise.
- There are 37 homeless families in Tippecanoe County. Criteria difficult to meet to get into the program.

Hunger in 2009

What can WE at St. Tom's do about it??

| Event | explanation | target | tentative date | coordinators |
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| Global Poverty – discussion by Dr. Will Masters (Ag Econ) | Talk on global poverty situation, Millennium Development goals, etc. | JustFaith +all interested | Jan 28 | Lynn |
| Souper Bowl | Canned food collection in exchange for Hunger fact | REI teens + all | Feb 1 | Katy + Lynn |
| Parish fast | Fasting + education. Significance of recession on poor American families; why fasting is part of our faith. | all | Feb 18 | Sue and Veronique |
| Un-lunch | Parishioners fast during lunch or coffee break for 1 or > days in designated wk. \$ goes to Haiti Committee or local food bank. | all | Combine with Parish fast or later with food drive | Who? |
| CRS Rice Bowl | Collection mandatory in diocese; more education and encouragement to get involved | All; encourage REI/families | Ash Wed and 1 st Sun in lent | Lynn with staff, Kim |
| Hunger Banquet with speaker Joe Micon | Ticketed banquet with simple meal + education – “face of local poverty” | All, maybe coordinated by REI families, youth or Purdue students | April 1 | Kim, Lynn + PCS subgroup? |
| Food Drive + education | Education for Justice resources | All; encourage REI/families | Monthly-starting in March | Pat and Zelda |
| Dorothy Day speaker ????? | Ask for a Hunger focus. Try to collaborate with other groups. | all | May? | Lynn Becky Greg (publicity) |
| Community Garden | Garden to provide fresh produce for LUM + other | All gardeners | May-Sept | Lynn, Veronique + others |
| Food/agric education | Sustainability, farmers market, etc. NCRLC resources. | All | summer | Who? |
| St. Mary of the Woods –Center for Eco-justice | Field trip to Ctr in Terra Haute | All, esp families | Sunday in summer | Carol, Kim |
| Hunger Hike | | All ; Haiti comm. youth and REI families | Sept 20 | Lynn |
| Offering of Letter (legis. advocacy) | Bread for the World resources – teaches legislative advocacy | All | Oct weekend | Carol |
| Heifer International | Purchase animals for people in developing countries | REI and families | Late Nov-Dec | Marilyn |
| Community organizing | Start local community organizing.....one on ones, etc. Perhaps Family Promise will provide a natural starting point | SCM, JustSkills + JustFaith grads to initiate | End of 2009 | ?....help from those at LUM, transitional housing etc. |

Also: CRS Food Fast for teens in REI (24 hr fast with lockdown) – Katy Argadine and Rob Lewis (when?)