

## FFC minutes February 2008

Attendees: Walt Hucke, Irene Shooner, Anne Barry, Barb Grothjan, Cheryl Kircher, Kathy Klich, Bill Glandorf, Carol Guibord, John Maisel, Tricia Murray, Dave Nissen & Priscilla Aloyo

Opening Prayer: Deut. 30, 15-30

### Minutes:

- Evangelization Report reviewed
- OLR being open listed for a new Pastor
  - Open Listing is the framework for available Pastors to look at open Parish opportunities. It includes a description of the Parish, the needs, challenges, and the positive characteristics of the Parish community
  - Hope to find out around April.
- Small Church Community Formation Day planned this year at Incarnation. . April 5, 2008 – encourage attendance to better understand the concept
- RCIA – candidates lined up for Baptism, Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> communion
- Lenten Program - Join for the Journey of Faith with Fr. Tim Schehr
- Fr Tom Allender returning for Mission in April

### DRE Youth Faith Formation Report:

- Sacraments in preparation
- Young Adult Ministry declining in numbers
- Camp Trips – Switch to every other year. Not yet communicated. Announcement to occur on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Goal of Camp is to inspire the desire for mission trips
- SRE – Come for the pancake breakfast. The funds will benefit Fr. Charlie's scholarship fund.
- Other events: Seder meal 3/9, Soup cook-off 3/8
  - Conflict identified with Soup cook-off – There is a wedding scheduled at 7 PM with 300 guests. The soup cook off is scheduled for 6 PM.
    - **Action Required:** Dave to follow up about re-scheduling the Soup Cook-off

### Deacon's Update:

- Baptismal Training Team – Organizing
- Planning how the Parish prepares for weddings – inclusive of guidelines of what can/can't be done
- Preaching, events, liturgies and planning – time intensive
- Deacon Walt's schedule is filling up with weddings and baptism prep
- **Action Required:** Pray for Walt - All

### Communications:

- Class on Mission, vision and ministry

- Benchmark source with other churches on what works and doesn't, what other churches do to grow, models of churches, how to minister to different people, how to spread the word in a non-catholic community
- 4 Wednesdays – advise attendance
- Idea: Consider bring the course on site, especially having the school premise
- Course is very interactive – it's not like a class
- OLR member of the Sharing Program – Have had classes in the past, none this year
- **Action Required:** Dave to follow up on requesting on-site class
- Training opportunity on Home-bound parishioners: A Ministry of Presence by Emmaus Initiatives
  - Expected to be run by lay people
- Proposal for file storage of opportunity referral resources (fliers) to keep for reference once the Parish is in position to carry out
- Caregiver program –
  - the Stephen ministry
  - 50 hours training
  - Assessment of needs through a leader and assigned
  - Aims to have the community meet the needs of parishioners

Social Justice Conference – Anne and Cheryl attended, will follow up with lessons learned.

- Example: Teaching that social justice is much greater than heading to the soup kitchen to help. Also, social justice is not an option but a command.
- Look out for lessons in the bulletin through out Lent

FFC Elections - Need to compile names for voting in May.

Process: Compile the candidates and review to minimize duplication.

Q: Can people request a renewal? A: Dave doesn't think that there is anything in the by-laws against it.

Closing Prayer.

**Motion:** To use Fair Trade Coffee at all parish functions and to promote the use of Fair Trade products