

## PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

February 5, 2015

Fr. Stan opened the meeting with an Our Father said by all.

Members present: Rheadawn Young, Mary Beth Freyer, Maureen Harpring, Fr. Stan Pondo, Amy Lesneski, Marge Walke, Donald Freyer, and Marilyn Freyer. Those not present were Tom Geis, Sonny Calvert.

There were no minutes to report from the last meeting.

### Ministry Updates

**Hospitality/Welcoming:** Rheadawn reported that she received an email from Michelle Wachsmann that two new families joined our parish. (We have discussed in the past putting this two ministry together.)

**Parish Sports:** Donald Freyer reported that there were two CYO teams this year and both successful. He also commented that if we can get more volunteer coaches we would be able to have more CYO sports and including some girl's teams example especially Volleyball.

**Youth Ministry:** Mary Beth had reported Tri Force Mission Team is doing very well and growing with our St. Anthony and St. Nicholas. She has reported they will be having two Princesses Royal Ball held at St. Louis Activity Center on March 1, 2015. Early Ball 12:30-2:30 and Later Ball 3:30-5:30.

**Hispanics:** no report

**Respect Life:** Donald Freyer had read in the Criterion showed that the number of abortions in the U.S. is at lowest point since 1975. This report was from National Right to Life Committee.

**Food Pantry:** Rheadawn had reported that Food Pantry has increased by 28% since 2009. She went over the reports over the past years. The old Ivy Tech building will be new location for the Food Pantry.

**Bereavement Committee:** no report

**Families Helping Families:** no report (This ministry report was overlook at our last meeting)

**Old Business:** We had coffee and donuts/cookies after the January 10/11, 2015 masses. The reception was for Fr. Damien farewell. We were disappointed with the turnout of the number of people who took the time out to come over after all the masses. We thank Fr. Damien very much for everything he did for our parish.

**New Business:** Bringing Parishioners Back (old parishioners left and other fell away) Fr. Stan had mention about having an **Outreach Program** which included Social Events, Mass at Liberty Park (summer time), and Alumni Associations dealing graduates from S. Louis School. Homecoming (come home for

Christmas) during the Holidays. Fr. Stan said to have Parish functions quarterly to build of the Community with Family/Kid Friendly Activities (for example New Year Eve dinner.) We will need to discuss and plan a date and time on the events in which we are going to do this as a parish. It was suggested to put ad in bulletin for a committee or person who can do a data base, have good communication skills, willing to make phone calls, write letters.( we need someone part time in the Parish Office to do this and maybe Parish Counsel can suggest this) Margie Walke said she would work on write up about Fr. Stan to put in local paper to let the community know that St. Louis Church has a new administrator. Parish council gave permission. Also will need Fr Stan to agree with this idea and so we can get a picture of him and his dog Oliver. Suggestion was made about making phone calls one month in advance for families to start taking up offertory up at Masses again. Our other two Parishes are discussing about a Chocolate Social sometime after Easter.

Closing prayer of a Hail Mary was said by all.

**NEXT MEETING IN MARCH WILL LET YOU KNOW**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Freyer