

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 16, 2009

**PRESENT:** Diane R., Harold M., Sara G., Kathy S., Deacon Ken De Hanes., Rhonda M., Carol W., Anna G.

**ABSENT:** Marge V., Jessica T.

Opening prayer was led by Rhonda. Mission Statements were read. The February meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**FOLLOW UP ITEMS:**

- **Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center (Ken & Diane)**
  - Diane, Carol and Deacon Ken will try to visit the center on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Baby Shower (Diane)**
  - Collection dates set for May 9/10 and May 16/17. All donations will be for the Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. Carol & Marge tentatively scheduled on May 11<sup>th</sup> to deliver donations and Diane is tentatively scheduled on May 18<sup>th</sup> to deliver donations.
- **Helping Hands (Harold)**
  - Learned liability is assumed by volunteers – none lies with St. Michael's or the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
  - Harold is going to contact JoAnn Swaegerle and Jodi Shafer to start to spread the word through Health & Wellness group as well as Eucharistic minister outreach about the program. He feels the program is ready to be pushed a little because it has been quiet the last few months.
  - Questioned whether St. Vincent DePaul group would be a good conduit for learning about families needing help.
- **Interfaith Hospitality (Rhonda)**
  - Rhonda not sure if Marge had the people she needed. She will call.
- **Discernment (Rhonda)**
  - COC spotlight needed. Diane had outline already prepared with contact names and numbers. Diane will put together picture board.
- **Ministry Fair**
  - Scheduled for weekend of 4/19. Need for volunteers after each of the masses to answer any questions.
  - Rhonda will let Diane know what is needed as far as materials.

- **Twinning (Anna)**

- Formal close to our relationship with St. Gabriel's of New Orleans. A catered dinner by Janet Holley held in school cafeteria on Sunday, May 17 from 4:00-7:00. Participants will pay for their own dinner.
- Anna interested in looking for new community partner to start a relationship. Would like to find a community within a 2-3 hours drive to be able to support throughout the year.
- Deacon Ken questioned the scope of the parish involvement. What do we want to accomplish with relationship?
- Anna will look into finding a Catholic community or possibly a non-Catholic Christian community. It depends on location and need.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 20th at 7:30 in the Parish office.

We closed with the Prayer of St Michael.

Minutes prepared by Kathy Szczur, 4/13/09