

## ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for Monday February 22, 2010

**PRESENT:** Kathy S., Diane R., Deacon Ken, Mary H., Jen F., Patty K., Rhonda M., Sara G., Pam K., Carol W., Marge V

Opening prayer led by Mary. Mission statements were read.

#### OLD ITEMS:

- **Interfaith Hospitality** (Marge/Rhonda) – Remaining days for this year May 24 covered.
- **Twinning** (Anna) - No response from any parishes contacted. Letter received from Archdiocese Mission office regarding twinning workshop to be held March 6. Kathy to attend. Suggestion also made to contact Betsy Bell from SUMC regarding mission trip to Haiti and possibly twinning with them.
- **Greeting Cards** (Kathy) – Commission agreed easy project but messy in terms of cutting cards and cost to mail boxes. Suggestions for next year include asking for donations to mail boxes.

Meeting minutes from Nov meeting reviewed and accepted before going on.

- **Cottingham residents** – Suggestions for ways to reach out to these residents to make them feel part of parish community included sending cards (Christmas, birthday, Easter). Kathy to check with Donna in office to see if already receiving Christmas cards and Messenger from parish. Also see if master list with names of residents available.
- **Military** – Send prayer cards, rosary, etc. Kathy to check with Donna regarding master list of these parish members.
- **Giving Tree**- Suggestions to improve process for next year included having parishioners sign up for families taken off tree to ensure items are returned.
- **Soup Kitchen** – Patty and daughter attended with family member through St. Savior church. Informed commission that group attending prepared and purchased food to serve. Suggestion made to shadow St. Savior next time to see if our COC would think something parish may get involved in.

#### NEW ITEMS:

- **Baby Shower** (Diane) - St. Mary still facility assisting. Will collect items weekends of May 8&9 and again on May 15&16. Diane will submit bulletin articles.
- **Youth Commission** (Lori Ann) - Lori Ann attended meeting to invite members to accompany youth group on mission trip to Cooper Hill TN week of June 20. Goal of trip is to rebuild houses, decks, porches, roofs, etc.

**Next meeting:** March 15, 2010. Opening prayer Marge