

MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH
EVANGELIZATION TEAM MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2016

Present: Fr. Shaun O'Connor, Bernice Baronowski, John Gibbons, Mariana Hynninen, Donna Paddock, Joe Pelis, Joan Smola

Absent: Alvira Balut, Linda Wiesner

I. REPORT: September 6, 2016 meeting minutes accepted as written and to be posted to our Web site: www.mhrhadley.org

II. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. October 14, 2016 Appreciation Dinner – Details were finalized for a spaghetti dinner in Father Benoit Parish Hall to honor Collectors, Counters, Choirs, Church Cleaners, Altar Decorators, Sacristans, Gardeners, Greeters, Faith Formation Teachers, RCIA Teachers, and RENEW Group Leaders. Approximately 70 guests were expected for the 6:00 p.m. event. Father Ryan Sliwa had agreed to be the guest speaker.
- B. Confirmation Class Food Drive for Food Pantry – The food drive originally proposed for the weekend of Sept. 24-25 has been postponed to a date to be decided.
- C. Bowling and Pizza Party for Youth Altar Servers – Only one altar server was able to attend due to a last minute invitation to Hopkins band members to play at the Big E. A bowling and pizza party will be rescheduled for sometime this winter.
- D. Pens for Welcome Cards – Joan Smola provided information she had gathered about ordering pens to leave in pews so that people at Mass could fill out the new Welcome Cards. Joe Pelis offered to provide additional information about ordering pens.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Possible Speakers for January Appreciation Dinner – A dinner will be held in January to honor Food Pantry and Weekend Meals volunteers.
- B. Refugees coming to Northampton – Fr. Shaun informed the team that the MHR barn will be used to store furniture for refugee families that will be arriving in Northampton soon through a program sponsored by Catholic Charities. Fr. Shaun said that a circle of care is being formed for each family to provide them with support and practical guidance as they adjust to life in the U.S. Fr. Shaun mentioned the possibility of having Fr. Pomerleau, who is one of the key organizers of this program, speak to our group.

Next Evangelization Team meeting will be on November 3, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.