

## August 1, 2016 Meeting

**Present:** Father Shaun, Kathy Banas., Bernice Baranowski., Mariana Hynninen, Donna Paddock., Joan Smola., Linda Wiesner

Absent: John Gibbons

Next Meeting: Monday, August 15 at 10 a.m.

### Cookout/Social for Young Families

Event to be held outside at MHR on Sunday, August 21, from 5:30 - 6:30 (hamburgers/hot dogs, etc.)

Kathy called all families to invite.

Save-the-date postcards mailed on Aug. 1 (invitation list expanded to include all families with children in our faith formation program; original plan was to invite only those with children baptized in last 7 or 8 years)

Families asked to RSVP by Aug. 14

Kathy to manage party details

Mariana to arrange for plates, cups, etc.

John to arrange entertainment for young children

Fr. Shaun will do the welcome and blessing at the event

Discussed possibility of handing out questionnaires to families that attend so they can provide feedback on what we can do to attract and retain young families

Discussed possibility of having Evangelization team members talk with families about joining our team or attending some of our meetings to give us insight into how we can make MHR a more welcoming place for young families

### Welcome Packets

Kathy and Donna met with LPI rep Karen Gionet in July to get costs and more info about having LPI do welcome packets (including a directory of MHR programs) for us. Cost for 250 complete packets plus 250 partial packets = \$2500, which is more than we need and more than we want to spend. Smallest quantity we could order is 200 which is still more than we need.

Evangelization team decided that we could put together our own directory and have it copied at Amherst Copy for a reasonable price.

Joan to contact Alvira to let her know how we plan to proceed with directory and to ask Alvira to contact various groups to provide a description of what their group does so this info can be included in the directory.

Fr. Shaun will write a "welcome" message to include at the beginning of the directory.

Joan S. showed us a bookmark that she had gotten at a church she visited. Donna to look into having some done for MHR.

Donna to work on design for a "welcome" card to be put in pews and in vestibules.

### Appreciation Event for Altar Servers

Mariana to talk with Peter regarding a bowling and pizza party

### Sympathy and Get Well Cards

The team reviewed 2 designs Donna provided. Donna to incorporate suggestions and order some of each card.

### Greeters

Joan reported that Mr. and Mrs. Klesch had agreed to help as greeters at the 8:00 Mass on Sundays. Joan has also talked with another parish member who would be willing to help at 10:30 Mass when she is not teaching CCD.

Currently Robin Smolen is a greeter at 10:30 Mass. Mariana, Bernice and Linda have been helping as greeters at 5:00 Mass. Joan and Ed have also helped at 10:30 Mass.

Joan will continue to seek additional greeters.

### Other

Sandy Wentworth Miller has offered to help the team with events/projects but is unable to serve as a full-time member of the team.

We discussed posting meeting minutes/notes on our parish Web site.

Father reported that he and John are working on having some of our young parishioners train/serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.