

25th Anniversary Committee December 20.2008

Attendees: Jennifer Baker, Bill Burger, Kathy Cramer, Bob Doyle, Alison Griswold, Molly Kennedy, Dr. Mike Rockers, Maureen Schaerfl, Mitzi Weaver

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1) Mitzi Weaver agreed to coordinate with Mike Rockers to integrate CCD children activities with projects of St. Francis School children as appropriate.

2) Parish Picnic

It was agreed to target the picnic for the first weekend in May 2009. Kathy Cramer engaged Molly Kennedy, a member of the parish who attended the meeting, to participate in the planning for this activity. Molly is an events planner for the Lowery Group and was asked to come back to the Planning Committee with a proposal (which she has done per the attached file). We will address the proposal at our next meeting. Alison Griswold agreed that the Youth Group will actively support this event.

3) Parish Dinner/Dance

We previously had proposed to hold this event in the fall of 2009 in the new multipurpose school facility. Completion date of the building is not firm at this time due to the uncertainty of the start of build. Bob Doyle and Fr. Mike indicated that we would have a better idea of the schedule in the January or early February timeframe. The committee decided that we would use the event to celebrate the completion of the building as well as the 25th Anniversary, even if it were not possible in 2009. We would not look at other locations for the Dinner/Dance.

4) Mass at Crazy Crab

Kathy Cramer has verified with Tom Reilley that the Crazy Crab restaurant would be available for a celebration of a 25th Anniversary mass and some sort of follow on luncheon/breakfast in the Dec. 2009 timeframe. Attendance would be limited to 160 people. We will discuss logistics and date at our next meeting. Bill indicated that he would have to obtain approval from the Diocese bishop/administrator to have Mass there.

5) Outside Speaker

Bill has contacted a representative of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to determine the feasibility of speaking to the parish (based on his authorship of the St. Francis book and his devotion to St. Francis). Alison will offer suggestions on alternative speakers.

6) Bob Doyle offered a suggestion to include a project to update the Parish Directory (with photographs of parishioners) as part of our 25th Anniversary activities. The Committee recommended that we not include this project at this time.

7) Activities conducted to date:

a) Founders Recognition - Dec. 7 10:30 Mass and reception was enthusiastically received and appreciated by the attendees. Fond memories of the early days were recalled in conversations and song. Cheryl Duren had obtained St. Francis prayer cards which were distributed at Mass.

b) Bob Hamel's 25th Anniversary poem was included in the Dec. 7 Church Bulletin.

c) Communications/Publicity:

- Maureen worked with Justin Paprocki for an article on "The Spiritual Meaning of the Art and Architecture of our Parish Church published in the Island Packet.

- An excellent article on the 25th Anniversary was written by Norma McLean in the Nov. 13 issue of the Catholic Miscellany.

- Theresa Fitzgibbons has made initial contact and will follow up with the Island Packet (contact Rene Dudley) for a feature article on the 25th Anniversary later in 2009.

I will try to set up the next meeting around the second week on January. I will contact you for your input on best times/dates. Have a blessed and joyous Christmas and a healthy and Happy New year.

Bill Burger