

PARISH MINISTRY PETALS MEETING AUGUST 4, 2011

Fr. Brandon started the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. We then prayed the St. Anne's Parish Ministry Petals Prayer together.

Fr. Brandon announced that there were some new representatives joining us this evening. Judith Crary is the new representative for RCIA, Kim and Andy Bossaller are the new representatives for Marriage Preparation and Michael Boege is the new representative for the Sacristans. Fr. Brandon thanked them for their willingness to be a part of our Parish Ministry Petals.

Fr. Brandon announced that Seminarian Cesar Martinez, who has been here at St. Anne's since June, would be leaving us tomorrow. Fr. Brandon then introduced Fr. Carlos Vega who will be staying with us for awhile.

Affirmations:

- a. Carmen Musch affirmed everyone who put on the Parish Fest.
- b. Laurie Cotulla announced that she liked the "Name Tag Sunday". Fr. Brandon stated that we would be doing it again.
- c. Lydia Van Steyn affirmed Tony Moreno and his group who worked so nicely to put on a wonderful St. Anne's Fest.
- d. Veronica Natera affirmed whoever put the forms on the website (Donna). She stated that she wants to have things when she wants them, and she was able to print the form she needed right away, and she was happy with that!
- e. Lupe Abitia affirmed Fr. Brandon for coming to the Spanish Bible Study (Estudios Biblicos). That group just celebrated their fourth anniversary.
- f. Fr. Brandon affirmed Dave O'Neill and J.R. Ferrer for setting up the new computer lab for the school children.
- g. Al Nathe affirmed John Sprake for the air conditioning that is working!

Fr. Brandon reminded everyone that Online Giving is available on our website. He announced to everyone that Bishop Stephen E. Blaire will celebrate the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 7 and will accept Sam Woods as a candidate for ordination. Sam will be ordained as a Deacon at the Cathedral of the Annunciation on September 10 and he will be ordained a Priest on December 3 at the Cathedral of the Annunciation.

Fr. Brandon suggested that everyone be sure to see the new landscaping in front of the school. We are also hoping to have new landscaping in front of the hall soon. Fr. Brandon stated that there would be new registration practices for all Religious Education programs

that will be put into effect this month. Fr. Brandon told everyone that Dominican Hall is still being renovated and that the alarm system has been installed and that he is hoping that the Chapel renovations will begin in September or October.

Donna welcomed all the representatives and she thanked all the alternates for coming. Donna told everyone that being that we have new representatives, that the Parish Ministry Petals information needs to be updated. She will have the new contact information ready to be handed out at the September meeting. She stated that the minutes from the June Parish Ministry Petals Meeting minutes and the Action Forms had been sent to everyone. She asked that everyone have their minutes from tonight's meeting in to her no later than Sunday, August 7, 2011.

She thanked everyone for all their hard work at the Ministry Fair. She went over all the numbers of how many people attended, how many meals were served, etc. She asked everyone to be sure to contact anyone who showed an interest in your ministry.

Donna asked that when they break into their small groups tonight, that they please fill out her questionnaire. Donna went over the Parish Ministry Petals Sheet with everyone so that we all know the purpose of the Parish Ministry Petals. She reminded everyone to be sure to share the information you receive at these meetings with the rest of your ministry! She also said that if anyone ever needs anything forwarded to their ministry, or any other ministry, to let her know and she will help you with whatever she can!

Fr. Brandon went over the idea of the rotation of the representatives. He said that some people will be asked to stay on one more year, while others will be asked to stay on two more years. His idea is that the current alternates will move into the representatives' position.

Teresa Locke, Administrator, went over the Incident Report Form. When someone gets hurt on our property, or someone has an accident here, we need to fill out the Incident Report. We always want to be sure that if there is something that is causing accidents, that you please let us know! Teresa then spoke about the Maintenance Request Forms. She went over the form and asked everyone to help us by filling out the form when maintenance is needed. Teresa announced that all the fiscal-year budgets were approved. She also stated that if any of the ministries need office supplies, to contact the Parish Office as we get a commercial rate. She said that we can also make copies that your group may need.

John Atwood asked that people please turn in your money for tickets for the Priest Appreciation Dinner to be held on August 20th in St. Anne's Hall.

Janice Roth spoke about the meeting that she and Fr. Brandon, a representative from Catholic Charities and a few other people from St. Anne's met with the Salvation Army on how the St. Vincent De Paul can continue its ministry. Janice went over a handout listing items that the Salvation Army needs each month. Robin Precissi asked how the items that we collect will make their way to the Salvation Army? Fr. Brandon thought that the Social Justice Petal could help with how to proceed with this in order to better serve the Lodi Community. Barbara Brovelli asked if donations are to be new items only? The answer was No, gently used items will also be accepted.

Barbara Brovelli reminded everyone that the next New Roman Missile Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 9am to 12 noon in St. Anne's Hall.

Our Parish Fellowship Dinner "Hot August Nights" will be held on Wednesday, August 10 in St. Anne's Hall. They are hoping to have 200 people. Everyone is invited to come. The \$5.00 per person cost is to cover the cost of the food. This is not a money-making event. They are looking for entertainment. Please let Barbara Brovelli know if you have any ideas for entertainment, or if you would like to help.

The Petals then broke into their small groups for discussion.



Social Justice - Petal Minutes

Ministry Fair Discussion:

Well Organized. Having interpreters was a plus. Ministry's serving food where not asked, but directed to serve. Not given enough notice so that funds could be budgeted for meals. Hospitality Groups to mill around hall wearing vests so that parishioners could ask questions that they may have.

Petal Discussion:

Parish Nurse: Received surveys back that parishioners filled out. Trying to meet needs of community.

Pastoral Care: Will be meeting Aug 31st. (English) to start training for Eucharistic Ministers for Masses at Hospital and Nursing Homes.

Legion of Mary: International Group celebrating 90th year at St. Michaels, on Sep 11th at 12 noon, with Bishop Blair saying Mass. Need once a month to play music at a nursing home. Contact Thelma Ahn.

Social Justice Petal discussed having a sub-title: Gods works of Mercy. Still in discussion. The Social Justice Petal feels that without a sub-title it sounds to political.

St. Anne's School - Petal Minutes

Discussion Question:

Positives: Cooperation between the school and parish

Parish Dinners

New Construction

Concerns: Filling Sam Woods' position, search for Music Director

Petal Discussion:

We are welcoming three new teachers. We will be starting the new academic year on Aug 17th with a new computer lab.

We discussed how to standardize the operation of the Annie's Angels program. So that the program will not be at risk of being discontinued in the event that the current coordinator is not able to continue with the program, Mr. Taricco will discuss developing a standard operating procedure for the Annie's Angels program.

Items to be discussed with the Ministry Team:

Dominican Hall: use of hall after renovation is complete. Discussed usage by parish, whether the school wants to rent it, purchasing dishes, silverware, table cloths, developing a policy for using the hall, and keeping in mind that the hall needs to be ready for lunch use during the school week.

We would like to follow up on a previous item that we presented to the Ministry Team on January 6, 2011: the formation of a committee to come up with a plan for ongoing work to make the school more affordable.

Liturgy - Petal Minutes

Ministry Fair Experience:

Carmen said she liked having the Spanish translators at the Ministry Fair. She said that they looked like tour guides explaining everything. Several other people agreed that having the translators was a big help.

Everyone agreed that the Ministry Fair was a positive experience, but, felt that having it every 18-24 months would probably stir more interest in the parish community than having it every year.

Al Nathe felt that too many stickers were given out. He suggested that there should be an age limit (18 years old) or one stick per family. Al wanted to know who won the raffle? Sam said it was in the bulletin.

Carmen and Pati both said they thought having bags when you first walked into the Ministry Fair was a great idea. Joan liked the bags that Donna made up for each Ministry. She felt they were very helpful and that Donna did a great job.

Joan said there should be a designated person who picks up the sign-up sheets at the end of the Ministry Fair and turns the sign-up sheets in. This would help the office know sooner how things went at the Ministry Fair.

Anne suggested when we don't have a Ministry Fair; we could have a Sign-up Sunday for each ministry for those who are interested in getting involved in a ministry. This could be announced in the Sunday bulletin. Marilyn Turner asked if it was possible to sign-up online to join a ministry? Pati suggested that applications be put online. Sam said we could do that. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers applications are already online. Al suggested that the applications have English on one side and Spanish on the other.

As a representative, and leader in our parish community, what is your hope for this coming "pastoral year"? What are you excited about? Concerned about?

Anne said she was concerned about the changes in the missal. There will be workshops throughout the years. It is the same workshop repeated. Joan said the workshop and the speakers are really good. Tom Driscoll, Loretta Baker and Fr. Brandon are the speakers. Joan said Tom is really really good. Carmen said that Tom is an eloquent speaker. Joan highly recommends the workshop.

Liturgy Petal issues:

Al Nathe wanted to know how the air conditioning was going? Sam said that there is an issue with the thermostat.

Anne suggested that there be a lost and found. A designated location and contact person would have been helpful. It was suggested that this issued be presented to the Ministry Team.

Al also said that he has noticed that some things have not been in Spanish in the bulletin. It was suggested that this issued be presented to the Ministry Team.

Al also said that he has had complaints at the Sunday Mass about people reading the bulletin during communion. It was determined that people are getting the bulletins from the rack by the doors in the vestibule. Pam said that people walk in and take a bulletin from the rack before walking into the sanctuary. It was suggested that this be another issue to present to the Ministry Team. Need to ask Fr. Brandon if he wants to take the bulletins out of the racks before each Mass and put them back after.

Carmen said that the Children's Liturgy of the Word is getting a pamphlet regarding the Liturgy readings.

It was announced that Marilyn Turner will be the new alternate for Arts & Environment.

Pati asked how were they going to get people to come in and replace 23 of the Petal Representatives? I think Sam said, that Fr. Brandon would like to see the alternates take over. Pati thought that maybe some people in the parish might be interested. Maybe we need to put this in the bulletin?

Carol wanted to know if more people were taking home the bulletin? Al said he thought so. He said he makes sure to hand them out to people. Sam said it looks like more bulletins are going out. Pati said handling them out after Mass will help ensure that people will take them home with them. Joan reminded everyone that the bulletin is also available on the parish website.

Al said he would like to see an announcement put in the bulletin the side doors are handicapped accessible. We don't need a lawsuit by that guy going around suing everyone in Lodi. It should also be noted that parking on the north side will all become for handicapped only. We should have direction signs indicating handicapped parking in back parking lot. The parking spots will be redone and restriped.

The steps of alter will be marked so people will not miss the steps and fall down. A special tape that reflects off the steps is on order.

Items to present to the Ministry Team:

It was suggested that there be a lost and found. A designated location and contact person would be helpful.

It has been noted that some things have not been translated into Spanish in the bulletin. For example; Daughters of Isabella have had several announcements but there was nothing translated on the Spanish side.

Catholic Fellowship - Petal Minutes

John Atwood suggested that the Ministry Fair be held next year in May rather than June because more people are on vacation in June, and it seemed to him that the Fair was better attended last year when it was in May.

Barbara Borvelli said she had heard from the Spanish community that they will be happy when they will have a more permanent replacement for Fr. Mario..

Deacon Karl expressed some concern about ALL parishoners learning about the changes in the Roman Missal. But apparently Fr. Brandon has a plan in place to bring this about by the end of the year.

Laurie Cotulla suggested we have more bi-lingual Masses like we had for St. Anne's Fest. She said she thinks bi-lingual Masses bring the whole community more together. She also said that when we have a major event on a Sat. night then those who attend the 7:30 Mass can't attend, and she thought things should be scheduled better to not interfere with the Mass schedule.

We all agreed that the Ministry Fair should be held one time per year. One person suggested it only be done every 18 months or perhaps every other year. We also agreed it was good to have interpreters there. We thought however that some people just come to eat, and instead of having complete meals there it might be better to simply have light refreshments. We also thought the raffle concept was good.

We also agreed that the Parish Dinners were a good idea to get people to socialize more. Apparently the next one after Aug. 10 will be held on October 19.

Submitted by Deacon Karl

Faith Formation - Petal Minutes

Ministry Fair Discussion:

All thought the day was pleasant and experienced a sense of joy in the room. People seemed to enjoy being there and being together.

- All seemed to feel that it was a success for their particular ministry. RCIA mentioned that it got a lot of inquiries.
- We would like to see the Rosary Ministry table moved to the center of the room again.
- We would like to see a (religious) craft table for the children in the Hall rather than in a classroom.
- There were a few comments that some people were not sure how to go about engaging those at the booths. Our Representative translator said that she was never asked for help. Maybe we need to have those at the hospitality table better prepare to help people by advising them that a translator is available.
- We did not get to the how often we should hold the Ministry Fair.

Petal Discussion:

We have a new Representative for **RCIA/RCIC/RCIT**, Judith Crary. Judith would like to transition the candidates into the community. We suggested pictures of the candidates in the vestibule bulletin boards and in the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel and notices of names in the bulletins so that we can pray for them.

We also have new Representatives for **Marriage Preparation**, Andy and Kim Bossaller. They are looking forward bringing the Parish more aware of those preparing for marriage and those newly married so that we can pray for them and welcome them into our community, again, pictures, and names.

Del and Bonnie have officially retired from the Marriage Preparation Program after many years of wonderful service. We thank them for the training they have given us and the new members of the program. We wish them many wonderful years of travel and visiting family.

Andy and I, Kim, have been asked to replace them as the coordinators for the English Speaking section.

The church has hired Lourdes Arvizu as the "Wedding Coordinator." She will be the contact person for both the English and Spanish speaking couples and will work with them from initial contact all the way to the wedding day. A formal process have been developed outlining the steps a new couple need to complete in order to get married at St. Anne's.

All sponsor couples are now required to attend FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study) training. In June, four Spanish speaking couples and 2 English speaking couples attended training and are now facilitators. The other sponsor couples will attend training in the near future.

The Ministry Fair was a great success for us.

Grupo de Oracion is celebrating its 12th anniversary present at St. Anne's on September 11, 2011.

Faith Renewal A new ministry was proposed and presented by Cheri Evan, Arise Alternate. It would be a ministry that would bring in speakers at various times during the year. Julia Baumbach and Anita Oaxaca are willing the to act as co-chairs. We agreed as a petal that we would like to see this happen. They will be preparing a formal plan that can be presented to the Ministry Team.

Religious Education would like to have a raffle to hopefully raise \$10,000 to defray some of the religious education costs and to provide scholarships for those in need. They too will be presenting a formal plan which will be presented to the Ministry Team.

Arise is gearing up with preparations for Season Three, "In the Footsteps of Christ." Signup Sunday is Sept. 12th – we are in need of facilitators and hosts. Groups begin meeting the first week of October.

Items to be presented to the Ministry Team;

None at this time.



Donna thanked everyone for coming. She reminded everyone to be sure to communicate with their alternates. She said that she will be making nametags for all the alternates. She thanked the Liturgy Petal for providing the refreshments this evening.

Tony Moreno thanked the Knights of Columbus for making the pancakes for the fundraiser breakfast for David Sandler who will be going on NET.

The next meeting will be on September 1st at 6:45pm in St. Anne's Hall. The Social Justice Petal is asked to bring the refreshments for that meeting.

Fr. Brandon then closed the meeting with prayer.