

## **Minutes – St Joseph Society October 14, 2009**

Meeting was opened by President Carlos Juenke. There were 35 members present.

**Opening Prayer: “The Conclusion of the Novena to St Joseph”**. This evening we closed our Novena to St. Joseph. We have prayed it 9 times during the past 10 months. The Novena was a recommendation by the membership in our goal setting this past January. This evening we prayed in thanksgiving for rain, our volunteers and in remembrance of Joe Crenwelge, past Society President Louis Loth, and Jesse Rivera .

**Minutes** - We approved the minutes as mailed, emailed, and posted to the Society Website.

**Treasurers Report:** Current Profit and Loss & Balance Sheet for September 09. Treasurer Darin Holmes reported that, after past discussion of “Cash on Hand” balance being excessive, the CD Accounts at St Joseph Credit Union , maturing in December 09, an additional \$10,000 in funds will be transferred into the existing CD Account. Steve Montgomery questioned the Building Fund Amounts from the previous capital campaign. Treasurer Darin Holmes reported that there was “No set of Books” provided to him at the time of his election in Jan of 2007.

**New Members :** Dennis Loth, son of Past Society President Louis Loth. 3 other potential members were garnered during the September Parish Ministry Fair but no paperwork has been returned.

### **Old Business**

Becoming 501 C3 – Discussions are to take place with Deacon Pat Klein as soon as his recovery from heart surgery will allow.

Volunteers for calling list were solicited to those in attendance. Normally each caller contacts 10 Members per alert cycle. Callers that have been lost included deceased member Joe Crenwelge, Lou Tybor who is now in an assisted living facility, and John Eilers who has taken over as Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus. **Member Red Weinheimer** has agreed to Accept the vacant Position.

**Secretary Position** – The Executive Board is continues to solicit a candidate the position of Secretary. The position requires computer skills for membership lists upkeep, emailing of minutes, etc.

**Halle Renovation** – With Parish finalizing Capital Campaign and Building plans for the Parish Center, our preferred Architect remains Randy Stehling. The design and building decisions for a new Parish facility will have great impact on HOW we renovate the Halle. For example, if there is not a major meeting area in the new facility, the Halle becomes even more important to the community of St. Mary’s. Historically, the Halle since its inception, was the Parish Hall as well. The Parish is not pursuing the Tivydale Events Center. It will be our responsibility to raise the renovation funds with the support of the parish, the school and the community.. It is felt by the Executive Board that we need to have master plan prior to beginning fund raising.

**Annual BBQ Preparations** - Initial drive to collect Raffle Prizes has begun. This year’s goal is to double last year’s income from this major fundraiser for the Society. The time is here to have this

portion of the Project completed by end of December so that Ticket sales may begin by January. Members were asked to assist in either donating or soliciting Raffle Prizes.

## **New Business**

**Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents** – Member Bobby Walch suggested at Ministry Fair that we have a ministry to support the Society's Homebound & Nursing Home Residents. In response we are identifying those who may need someone to bring communion, or other support in the time of need etc. If you are aware of those in need of someone to come by and visit and or bring communion please let Carlos or Bobby Walch know. For example, members or widows that we remember in our prayer list are Mike Kermit Jenschke, Nobert Stehling, Herbort Jung, and our oldest member (98) Hilmar Stehling. We note that Remulda Rivera is back at work and Marlene Nebgen is recuperating from hip replacement surgery. This ministry will include the Widows of our deceased members as WELL! It was emphasized that Calling Committee Callers to inquire as to the health and needs of those on their lists.

**Studying Our Catholic Faith Series** – In response to the recommendation from our January goal setting meeting, we will start a "Studying Our Catholic Faith Series" from the New Baltimore Catechism. It will focus on "What we believe" (The Creed), "The Rules/commandments of our Belief" and the "source of grace" (the 7 Sacraments). These lessons will be in conjunction with the monthly meetings. Tom Walch, Wade Boone, Bobby Sagiebel, and Danny Pholer, volunteered to assist the officers in developing and leading the study.

**Parish Re- Organization** - Following the United States Conference of Bishops vision, the pastor is organizing the parish into these six commissions: "Formation and Education", "Liturgy and Worship", "Social Action", "Prayer & Healing", "Community" and "Evangelization". This structure will allow for better communication and bind the parish to a vision and the mission of St. Mary's.

**Lenten Fish Fry** - Presented by Darin Holmes as a replacement for the Simple Lenten Supper which has followed the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Letters of contact will be going to other Parish Organizations to include in this ministry: KofC, St Ann's Society, PTC, Catholic Daughters, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission. Ideal circumstance would provide for 3 teams of cooks with each organization providing Manpower for set-up, serving, and cleanup of a single week with proceeds to be divided among the organizations.

**40 Days for Life Sign up** – St Marys has taken the responsibility of manning the sidewalks in front of Planned Parenthood Inc. at 104 Babcock Rd, San Antonio from 8am Oct 24 to 8am Oct 25. If you are interested in attending please contact Darin Holmes, Danny Pohler, or Chuck Hollis.

**Closing:** Remembering our Deceased & Ill Members

**OCTOBERFEST: THANKS TO JEFF DITTMAR, DARIN HOLMES, JIM JERREAU, MARTHA JUENKE AND PETER SCHANDUA, THE MEMBERS FEASTED ON WURST, SAUERKRAUT, BROD, KARTOFFELSALAT, BOEHNE, UND BIER.**