

## **St. Mary of the Hills Fellowship Minutes** **Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

**Chairperson:** Marlene DeBrosse **Vice-Chairperson:** Angie Kadowaki

**Present:** Marlene DeBrosse, Arnie Vandercruyssen, Jay Fedewa, Virginia McMahon and Loretta Bonello

**Meeting Called:** 7:30 p.m.

**Reflecting on Assessing Parish Social Ministry:** Some practical, concrete suggestions discussed were:

- Get politicians involved to help the impoverished
- Neighborhood House
- Tech training, minimum wage increase, tweaking situation of schools
- Raising awareness of impoverished in your neighborhood
- Marriage Enrichment – focus on keeping folks together
- Help to eliminate the causes: drugs, jail, lack of skills, lack of knowledge to know right from wrong
- Teach priorities for spending money, i.e. get rid of excessive cell phone plans, cable, etc.
- Advocate: changing laws on abortion
- Working with Lighthouse
- Sustainability: Are there people in Rochester Hills that need help? How can we help them?
- C.A.R.E. Career networking group

**Pictorial Directory:** Final proof to be delivered tomorrow. Directories should be in St. Mary's hands on June 25, 2014 in time to pass out at our picnic honoring our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be extras to pass out to those not photoed.

**Coffee Making:** The making of coffee is taxing for the maintenance crew. It would be helpful if groups needing coffee for their meetings/events learn how to make coffee to help relieve maintenance.

**Picnic:** Lead on insurance, Athena Collins, has not responded to Marlene. Some mix-up, perhaps? Tom from band has not been contacted from Chris. He can email insurance form to SMOTH. Choo Choo man and band do have insurance. They can get a one-day policy costing about \$100. Have person add it to his/her cost and bill to SMOTH.

Tom Miskovich will work the kitchen. Potluck will be done again. The web site will be setup for signups. Jen O'Neill from Holy Family will do games (old fashioned family picnic style). If no magician, Marlene will contact her neighbor for arts and crafts. We need groups to set up/clean up. The basketball group will be asked to do the setup of tables/chairs for picnic. Need chairperson for: decorations, lemonade stand, clean up after, set up, Seniors will chair the dessert table again this year. There will be two 50/50s. One raffle each for the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul. Also parking spaces and other items as collected will be raffled off in the loser's raffle. Meijer's, Kroger's, Nino's and North Shack have already made donations. Each member from Fellowship Committee is to try to secure an \$25 item/gift certificate for raffle.

**Basketball Group:** This group is mostly non-parishioners. Would like to redevelop this night into more of a family setting, perhaps pickle ball, shuffleboard, co-ed basketball.

**Dept 56, Snow Village, etc.:** Christmas sets have been donated to church. Need to sell these off somehow. Possibly at the picnic, some thoughts were the De LaSalle Christmas Sale. However, that may be too far off.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 14 at 7:45 a.m. at St. Mary of the Hills