

## St. Mary of the Hills Fellowship Minutes Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015

**Chairperson:** open; **Vice-Chairperson:** open

**Present:** Loretta Bonello, Marlene DeBrosse, Judy Rhoads and Michaelleen Dolinski

**Meeting Called:** 8:33 a.m.

**Facebook:** New and required for all commission members. Chris Drouin is SMOTH go to guy. He is a webmaster. We will be planning a social media seminar for folks to learn how to properly use facebook. Look for an article in the bulletin for when this will be.

**Fellowship:** Membership changes are Judy Rhoads is replacing Arnie as office liaison. Frank Kern is on. All ministries fall under a commission. Fellowship originally was the "party" people to hold parties for parishioners that didn't have a party to go to. It has morphed into helping various ministries. No fundraising events are held anymore. Each of the current fellowship members is to personally invite one person to join our commission at the next meeting.

**Picnic:** Budget was \$1,700. This year's picnic was the best attended ever. It appeared that sign-up Genius was a great tool. This is being utilized by other events happening in parish. We were slightly over budget. The picnic's budget has been the same as years past but attendance has doubled.

Any suggestions from the Picnic Survey are very helpful in getting new ideas for future picnics. Email is best way to communicate. Everybody needs to volunteer to do one small thing to make it easier for all. Next year we should have more tables and chairs setup outside to accommodate those saving seats. Note: it is not a recommended practice to save seats. Bi-annual picnic is an idea like we do with the volunteer dinner. The SOS last minute change threw off the setup timing for the picnic.

Stephan Thompson did a marvelous job with roasting the corn. Next time we'll order 500 ears instead of 1000. Another family and unknown guy were a huge help. Hot dogs were boiled this year. Limited salad types were suggested to ensure that enough would go around. Unfortunately the Freewill donation box went out late due to lack of volunteers.

There was a lack of support from Parish Council to sell Parish Council raffle tickets. Only one person from council, Denis Naeger was selling. The Knights and St. Vincent de Paul sold 50/50 tickets. Other commissions could sell tickets to offset picnic costs next year. The balloon man was great and will be back. Choo Choo Dan will be back at one of the picnics. The race car track wasn't run as well as it could have. Some kids were racing their cars back to back while others were waiting for their turn.

**Applause after Communion Song:** It is strongly felt that this applause is inappropriate as part of the mass. This is not a performance, but part of the mass. It is unlike the applause given later for Good News. The effort during this past Lent was not direct enough.

**Doughnuts:** More freewill donations are needed in order to have this pay for itself. Cost is \$150-\$175 weekly and we're taking in on a good day \$130.

**AED Defibrillator:** Does anybody know how to use? Contact Chris Kozlowski for setting up training. Christine O'Brien (Dan's wife) was in charge of parish nursing but we no longer have parish nursing. Ushers should be trained.

**Chili Cookout:** This event will take place in December before the kitchen redo is started.

**Blood Drive:** This has suffered from attendance. Due to children's worship in the gym, it has been moved to the school. Poor communication/publicity of event and no follow through.

**Bunco:** September 25 is the next one. Cathy Connors heads this up.

**Next Events for Fellowship**

*Newcomer's dinners* are not being communicated to us. Judy, please send Marlene what things Fellowship should do more.

**Sharing Christ:** Desserts will be served during the afterglow. The retreat is Nov. 7th. The Evangelism Commission should be in charge of desserts. Currently, Marlene has been getting these and getting reimbursed. Holding these in the school really makes it a hardship. So much more has to be brought in. It is much easier when held at the church. At the end of the series segment for breakfast good juice and real half and half or flavored creamer are nice to have for it is a long day. Pumpkin pie or apple pie will be served for dessert.

**Euchre Party:** This can be in the gym this winter. Ordering pizza at the event will work as the kitchen will be torn up.

**Wine Down:** Scheduled in January or February 2016.

**Grand Opening of Kitchen:** Plan to have something for parishioners, perhaps a banana split social. Photos of the kitchen as it is being redone should be taken by office staff to show the progress. These can be shown to the congregation.

**Next Meeting:** October 17, 2015, 7:45 am Chapel Service.