

## **St. Mary of the Hills Fellowship Minutes Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016**

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

**Present:** Loretta Bonello, Jay Fedewa, Judy Rhoads, John Schuler and Michaeleen Dolinski

**Fellowship:** We are in need of a chairperson. John will report to parish council but is not a social director. John will ask his wife if she would like to join our group. Judy will reach out to those on the picnic committee. Loretta is looking to be replaced. Besides the picnic what does the Fellowship Committee do? Originally we held the Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's parties. But other groups are heading those and other events now. We have various ministries that fall under our umbrella (Loretta will bring her list, although outdated, next meeting). We are here to help those ministries as they need it.

**Picnic, August 14, 2016:** The committee had their wrap-up meeting this past Tuesday to discuss what went well and what didn't. Next year's chairperson will be Katherine Greig. If you at the picnic how did you feel it went? All said it was great. Tickets sold for the picnic were 463. Income was approximately \$2,000. Weather was fabulous.

Décor (poster board) was minimal paid for by Judy Rhoads. Flowers and mason jars were donated/loaned from parish member's gardens. Dave the "DJ" was great! He didn't charge, we did send him a \$50 stipend. Line dancing instructor was \$50. The most costly item was the pony ride/petting zoo at \$720. Children's games were popular. We had 50 volunteers – each with small jobs. No wasted leftovers, minimal cleanup.

\$5 charge was not a deterrent. Group was still large. One family refused to come due to us charging this year.

**Things No So Good:** Not busy were the photo booth. Social media wanted photos for visibility, but this didn't go over well. Maybe placement of booth should have been more centralized. Sprinklers went off during the picnic; there was some confusion as to where the controls were (church or school). The power failure the night before most likely was reason sprinklers went off. There was a wasp nest on the island. One of our maintenance men was stung. Next time we need to search grounds for hazards. Need a recycling box for cans and water bottles. Somebody didn't collect their winning 50/50 ticket, no name written on ticket to contact them after the picnic. There has been an article in the bulletin to attempt to locate owner of unclaimed ticket.

**Items to Address Next Year:** Start picnic 12 noon – 2 pm. Emphasize extra dogs can be purchased. Petting Zoo cannot be in the sun. Is the picnic the venue to raffle the mass parking spot? Perhaps a different event could have this, i.e. chili cook-off, St. Vincent de Paul fundraiser.

**Doughnuts:** American House has been donating the goodies. It was brought up to possibly have this monthly versus weekly to get more folks to attend. Was better attended when it was monthly.

**New Events:** Meghan got a list of newcomers. She will reach out to them to host a table for Advent by Candlelight. Angie Kadowaki has mentioned to Judy about doing a community Bingo event in 2017. A euchre night might be an option.

**Miscellaneous:** Judy and Angie attended a couple of events last year to ask what parents would like to see at St. Mary's. Most of the ideas were either already in place by other groups or things we cannot do, i.e. have a place for teenagers to hang out.