

## Welcoming Committee – Meeting Minutes

### **MEETING #5**

**9-26-07** held in the parish hall.

#### Attendees:

Janet Beard  
Adriana Westendorf  
Diddy Vucovich  
David Stringer  
Jean Scholl  
Marie Miller  
Evelyn Moreira  
Katherine Lenn

1. The group's main task for the evening was to reflect on a job well done (the newcomers' social) and finish off some left over wine and cheese. This task was accomplished.
2. We welcomed one of our newest members, Ms. Katherine Lenn. Katherine provided some great ideas for the new guestbook and is willing to help Joe with finding/creating the right one.
3. Speaking of the guestbook...Fr. Charles recently commented to Janet that we should do the welcome cards or the big guestbook, not both. The group felt if we needed to choose we should do the guestbook.
4. When should we have the next newcomers' social? The group thought something like March would be good, but we'll monitor how many new people are joining the parish and adjust as necessary. Everyone was pleased with how this recent social went. The one thing people agree we could do better next time was whole follow-up phone call process. Apparently some newcomers got called 15 times and got so annoyed they left the parish.
5. Just kidding about them leaving the parish. Next we spoke about getting hit with hospitality duties. It was recently suggested that the Welcoming Team plan the Fall social which is set for 21 October (ahh!). The position of the group is that the Fall social is a parish-wide event and doesn't fall within our charter. We could help, but the ministry council or stewardship needs to take a leadership role and assign duties to various ministries. It was also suggested that maybe the parish establish a plan for 2008 that would assign seasonal socials to various groups.
6. Evelyn brought up mutual interest groups. Everyone liked the idea. David is going to look at this.

7. It was suggested that we do a 'welcoming Sunday' during which people wear tags that show they are a newcomer. We could do this in conjunction with the Fall social, but obviously that's up the air right now. Issue tabled.

8. I'll attempt to keep the table below updated from meeting to meeting and we can add and drop things as needed.

TASK	NAME	REMARKS
Design small welcome card w/pen	Janet	deleted
Ensure personal contact will all newcomers	Evelyn	
Revamp registration form	David	
Mutual interest groups	David	
Quality parish nametags	Arleen	
Find actual guestbook for vestibule	Joe/Katherine	
Out-of-office sign for church office	Evelyn	ongoing
Short write-ups on newcomers in Messenger	David	Purely voluntary
Slim down / improve welcome packet	Diane	
Welcoming Sunday	?	
Get members in same neighborhood to interact	Lizz / David	Just a concept right now
Plan for welcome table and how to 'man' it	Jean / Marie	

9. The next meeting will be at **7pm on October 17<sup>th</sup>**. The plan is: if stewardship is meeting at that time to discuss the Fall social, we will 'crash' their meeting. If not, we'll do our normal thing.

10. Our current roster:

Last name	First name	Primary contact #	Email
Alexander	Arleen	324-5737 (cell)	<a href="mailto:petrogirl@knology.net">petrogirl@knology.net</a>
Beard	Janet	409-9422	<a href="mailto:jmrbeard@charter.net">jmrbeard@charter.net</a>
Beyerle	Elaine	281-4588	<a href="mailto:ebeyerle@hotmail.com">ebeyerle@hotmail.com</a>
Herndon	Diane	277-1828	<a href="mailto:roger.herndon@att.net">roger.herndon@att.net</a>
Irwin	Mike	277-0225	<a href="mailto:mdirwin711@knology.net">mdirwin711@knology.net</a>
Grelk	Brian	279-9662	<a href="mailto:grelkfam1@bellsouth.net">grelkfam1@bellsouth.net</a>
Johnson	Joe	322-1147 (cell)	<a href="mailto:joedavidjohnson@charter.net">joedavidjohnson@charter.net</a>
Lenn	Katherine	414-1754	<a href="mailto:klenn@bellsouth.net">klenn@bellsouth.net</a>
Miller	Marie & Ken	396-6510	<a href="mailto:psugrad1997@aol.com">psugrad1997@aol.com</a>
Moreira	Evelyn	277-1989	<a href="mailto:dre@holy-spirit-church.com">dre@holy-spirit-church.com</a>
Sadie	Lisa	356-8999	<a href="mailto:sadielady8@knology.net">sadielady8@knology.net</a>
Scholl	Jean	272-0395	<a href="mailto:jeancam1@aol.com">jeancam1@aol.com</a>
Stringer	David & Danielle	953-2016 (work)	<a href="mailto:david.stringer@maxwell.af.mil">david.stringer@maxwell.af.mil</a>
Vucovich	Diddy	277-3308	<a href="mailto:EHV48@hotmail.com">EHV48@hotmail.com</a>
Westendorf	Adriana	322-3073 (cell)	<a href="mailto:adriana_westendorf@yahoo.com">adriana_westendorf@yahoo.com</a>
Wilson	Lizz	260-8520	<a href="mailto:twozee@knology.net">twozee@knology.net</a>

**SIGNED UP**

Grieshop	Sharon	409-2998	<a href="mailto:garytrig@bellsouth.net">garytrig@bellsouth.net</a>
----------	--------	----------	--

Obi	Patrice	396-9805	<a href="mailto:nursetrice@charter.net">nursetrice@charter.net</a>
Selvaggi	Anne	271-3827	<a href="mailto:selvaggi@knology.net">selvaggi@knology.net</a>
Hudspeth	Jane	244-7943	
Neuhoff	Barb	271-5288	

//signed//  
David Stringer  
Welcoming Team