



# Holy Cross Church Social Concerns Committee

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## Minutes

4/8/10

- The Holy Cross Social Concerns committee met on April 8, 2010 in the Early Learning Center at 12:30 PM.
  - Those in attendance were: Kathy Lessard, chairperson, Eunice Tate, Margaret Helwig, Valerie Pyles, Jill Watkins-Little and Sue Comstock.
- Kathy opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Kathy reported that there were only three names on the list from the Service Center for Easter baskets. They had forgotten and then sent two more names. Holy Cross had 28 from the parish and there were 28 from the Spanish community.
- Kathy also reported that the prison ministry is being allowed back in the prison after there was a lockdown for three weeks. Rich will be there in the evening and the mentors will be there. The Knights of Columbus have given checks to the Samaritans and to the St. Vincent du Paul Society.
- The Gospel choir will present a concert on Friday, April 16th at 7:30 pm in the church to benefit the Pregnancy Help Center. We will be serving wine, ice tea, cheese and crackers, and a fruit tray. Kathy will provide the wine, Sue will bring the ice tea, fruit, cups for the drinks, Jill will bring napkins and crackers, Eunice will bring plastic plates, Margaret will provide chocolate chip cookies. Kathy will call the Dover Post and other churches and Jill will call the Pregnancy Help Center so they may speak at the concert.
- The Volunteers appreciation dinner will be given on April 21st beginning with a Mass at 4:30 by Father Carlos and dinner following. The dinner has been arranged by Father Carlos and will be provided by the Spanish community, The menu will be chicken, rice, salad, beans and tortillas. Rich will be asked to visit various stores to obtain desserts, Jill will bring a brownie tray, Margaret will bring chocolate chip cookies and Sue will get something from Bylers. To determine the number of people who will be attending (no RSVP was included in the invitation) Sue, Kathy, and Margaret will call those who had been invited. Volunteer Day will be April 24th. We need to have a table in the gathering space to get names of those willing to help. The Masses will be covered by

Jill at the 5:00 pm, Kathy at the 7:00 pm, Sue at the 9:00 am, Rich at the 6:00 pm and 7:30 and 11:00 am Kathy will call others to fill in. Jill will make up sign up papers and what will be needed to clean.

- Sue reported that we will be serving the homeless shelter beginning the week of June 7th. The renovation of the property for the shelter is going along well with the homeless men and volunteers helping. Where we will be serving that week will be determined later.
- Jill reported that 30 people attended the Life Chain.
  - She would like to set up a hotline for women who want information or need help.
  - Kathy said the Samaritan hotline has room for another line which could help. There was a discussion as to whether we would have a call back number or a link to the Right to Life hotline.
  - Starting on April 24th Mrs. Belt will put into the Bulletin little bits about the development of the unborn.
  - Jim Cordie would like to promote a candle in every window for the unborn. He needs 20 to 30 more sign ups for the Delaware pro-life license plates.
- The next meeting will be May 5, 2010 at 12:30 pm.