

Matthew 25 Leadership Community Minutes – November 16, 2006

The meeting commenced at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Alfred, Tom Fackender, Marcus Hepburn, Deron Lawrence, Dee Lopez, Gloria Smith, Art Wright, Jeri Westmoreland (visiting from St. Thomas More)

Not present: Claudia Armador, Ginger Riscigno, Shirley Poore

Prayer/Faith Sharing: The meeting began with the reading from this Sunday's gospel (Mark 13:24-32 – The Coming of the Son of Man) and immediately followed with faith-sharing using questions from RENEW International.

Active Business:

1. The majority of the meeting was spent planning for the Milliard Fuller "Faith in Action" Inter-denominational event scheduled to take place at Good Shepherd on Saturday, February 24, 2007. As Tom is the coordinator for this event he facilitated the planning activity.
 - Dee brought up to the group Fr. Foley's reminder that there is a major diocesan middle & high school youth event at TCC ("Reality Check"). The group discussed date at length but felt comfortable with keeping original date since this was an inter-denominational activity that has already been announced and scheduled with key speakers.
 - Theme of talks was discussed and a committee formed to refine the program and discuss with speakers (see attached).
 - The format of the event was thoroughly discussed, revised, and committees established (see attached).
 - Questions about the event – contact Tom Fackender, tom.fackender@floridaea.org.
2. Deron gave a brief update on the Quincy Advent Fiesta that Mary is coordinating; a number of people are engaged in making piñatas, preparing food, acquiring \$10-15 gifts for children (including Mary's new "BalloonBerry Buddies" books/1 per family), providing book bags and arranging for field games. Families are welcomed in order to make this a community of Good Shepherd and Quincy migrant worker families.
3. Dee mentioned that Matthew 25 now has its own web site (go to Good Shepherd web site, click on Ministries, and scroll down page (Matthew 25 is listed under Leadership ministries).
4. Marcus has suggested evaluating Good Shepherd as a community which witnesses Justice in the World. As part of this he has proposed: using Free Trade coffee at Good Shepherd events & office use, Recycling as requirement for use of parish facilities, and looking at other demonstrations of solidarity with the poor in support of justice.
 - Since the majority of the meeting was spend on item 1, this item was tabled to the next meeting.
 - Dee distributed 2 assessments for members to fill out as ways to evaluate and help with future social ministry planning (see attached). "Parish Social Ministry Assessment" by Tom Ulrich ("Parish Social Ministry: Strategies for Success"), and "Evaluating Parish Social Ministry" (developed by Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 14 (7PM – 8:30 PM), Room 311

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Lopez