

Church of the Nativity--VOICE Core Team Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Present: Carol Horvath, Jan Losi, Philip Siddons, Linda Siddons, Nancy Kresge, and Helen Cyrulik.

1. Introductions, Acceptance of minutes, update contact info: Verbal report from Nancy. Move onto present meeting and updated regarding old minutes as we went through agenda.
2. Season of Listening: 7 surveys returned so far. No website responses. Issues identified so far: "Big box stores", Jobs, Town bureaucracy (permits), Transportation, Need more neighborhood gettogethers through churches and schools. "Need huge tax revolt". Crack down on crime. Safe & affordable housing. (Kenmore and Tonawanda considering teaming up together to deal with vacant houses).
3. One-On-One: Bette, Carol and Jan took 4 names last meeting. Finding the time is a challenge. Each member present took more names. Will report back at next meeting. Use Community Feedback Survey and One-on-One Recording Form to get feedback. Presence in Narthex: Nancy to do a "moment of concern". Bulletin board space to post events, etc.
4. Upcoming Events: Nancy joined Sprawl Task Force. Monthly meeting is 6/18 at 7pm at Our Lady of Loretto-- a training on "Relationship Building" is being done by Greg Galuzzo. Those interested in going can carpool with Nancy. Waterfront Tours: June 26 from 4-6pm
5. Old Business: A public meeting was held in Rochester on 5/21. Mayor Bob Duffy was the focus and took over the meeting, but overall it was a good meeting.
6. Volunteers: Nancy is now employed at VOICE and cannot be a Board Member, need a volunteer to be Board Member--they meet quarterly. Need a volunteer for the Strategic Planning Committee--they formulate plan/goals. Need volunteers for the Feast of Tables and Art Auction committees for next year.
7. "Empowering the Poor". Phil and Linda read book. Characterized it as a blueprint for church revitalization. 1st recommendation is to have Church Council members read book. 2nd recommendation is to use books techniques to visit members and find issues; and visit new members/visitors, 1:1 or go to their house and find out what they need or hope for. We will "listen" and care about their needs.
8. Evaluation: good meeting, encouraging, accomplished, needed pep talk to get going.

Meeting adjourned 8pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2007 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Helen Cyrulik