

**Community Focus Group Meeting  
Newman Center Christ Church, Delta Room  
October 20, 2009 Attendance: 14 People**

**Present:** Michaela barrett, Simon Schoborg, Joan Abfalter, Mick Abfalter, Barb Pladson, Sharon Schmiesing, Karen Imholte (co-chair), Ken Ramler, Mike Ernst, Amber Christie, Art Grachek, Barb Grachek, John Stang, Shawn Trueman.

Two handouts distributed: Meeting Minutes September 15, 2009 and agenda for the evening, which was reviewed and accepted.

**Introductions and Housekeeping-** Everyone introduced themselves and answered the question: Has anything spooky or unusual ever happened to you?

**Newman Staff Report:** Amber says Women's Spirituality, Bible Study on Wednesday nights, and Mass on Campus kicked off well, good numbers in student participation.

**Parish Council Report:** Simon says (hee hee) work with Focus Groups on individual goals in response to survey results... Goals are to be set for the next 3-5 years in the focus groups, and will shortly be developing these goals in future focus nights.

**Reports from Project Leaders:**

*Student Meal*

- Joan says 95 people eating at the October student meal. Two permanent members had an emergency and help became short at the last minute. Table hosts need to stay in the future to help clean dishes, take down decorations, and put tables away... otherwise the people who are in the kitchen end up doing all the work and have little interaction with students. The Thanksgiving dinner at the November meal is kind of a big deal... It's the biggest and most popular meal of the year and we need lots of volunteers! And is there another couple that can take over and be supervisor one night, just to give Joan and Mick a chance to be table leaders.

- Side note: one of the ovens does not show the number of degrees or that it is on or off, something needs to be done about that, or bad things may happen... Are there ideas for fixing it? Leroy?

*Mentoring Program for Students*

-Lots of ideas from last meeting, but Pat and Sid were absent this meeting, so no progress made.

*Tom and Jerry Advent Social*

-Date TBA

*Coffee House*

Simon says (hee hee), there is a good plateau of about 25-30 students at every coffee house, a volunteer is present now and again... its great!

*Immaculate Conception December 8th*

Holy day of Obligation mass at 5:30pm, followed by Potluck at 6:30pm, and Speaker at 7pm

*Fr. Illies Lecture-*

Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> in Christ Church Chapel... The Father Wilfred Illies Memorial Endowment is presenting Dr. Richard Gaillardetz from the University of Toledo. This endowment seeks out speakers who are both eloquent and knowledgeable on issues at the forefront of current Christian philosophical theological and ecumenical discussion.

*Fr. Tony Oelrich*

A response to Daniel K. Finn's "A Christian View of Power" will be the title of a presentation by Fr Tony Oelrich on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Newman Center. He will be answering the questions: "What are the theological sources for the Church's understanding of power? And, How does this challenge our understanding and living of power in the Church today?"

\*side note: Dan Finn's lectures are available on cassette tape in the parish office.

*Spring Fling or Winter Dance*

- 1) Need to set date- sometime in the beginning 2 weeks of Feb
- 2) need to research entertainment, food/ catering service
- 3) put together decorations committee, and publicity committee

November 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 is the next meeting date