**Joliet Engaged Encounter**

**Community Meeting Notes**

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

In attendance:

Elaine and Josh Zeller

Karyn Dinovo

Kathy and Dan Weist

Melissa and Brian Gordon

Melissa and Brian Gilbert

Jim Healy

Minutes:

* Financial Report:

1. The red we operated in last year is deceiving
2. We paid for several 2010 weekends in FY2011

* Priest Update

1. We have priests willing to do weekends!
2. Unsure of who and which weekends
3. Karyn meeting with Fr. Tom Cargo, might want to have interested priests meet with Fr. Tom Cargo
4. Priests must be workshopped

* 2014 Convention Update

1. Need to come up with a theme
2. Survival Kit
3. Communion of Persons
4. Mike DiNovo will help make a video (probably in March)
5. Melissa Gilbert will put something together for an April convention meeting

* Pew Cards

1. Center has some available
2. We will order some to have in file cabinet for the long haul.
3. Will probably have couples in a few years still unsure of mass changes

* NFP Talk/Video

1. Gilberts have a talk and are willing to present it on every weekend they are available
2. Karyn suggested mentioning in Intimacy talk when we talk about renewed chastity to mention to the couples about using this time to begin practicing and learning NFP.
3. Watched the video that we will use when no NFP couple is available.

* Banners

1. We need a volunteer to help come up with some designs.
2. Maybe have vinyl banners made.
3. Maybe have a time to get together to put them together.

* Prayer Requests

1. Mackies – Joe working extremely long hours and they don’t get to spend much time together.
2. Michael & Carrie (Melissa Gordon’s brother and sister-in-law) – had a miscarriage over Christmas.
3. Bob (Karyn’s grandfather) – has been in and out of hospital, is blind and deaf
4. Wayne & Arleta (Brian Gordon’s mother and father) – Wayne is still not willing to get up and do therapy. Arleta is struggling with taking care of him and not being able to do other things.
5. Brenda (Melissa Gordon’s cousin) & Vanessa (Brenda’s niece) – Vanessa was sexually abused by her stepfather. Brenda and her husband have helped raise Vanessa and Brenda is struggling with dealing with all that is going on.

* Upcoming Dates

1. March 10 – Business at Schreiners
2. April 21 – 2014 Convention at Gilberts
3. May 5 – Business at ?
4. June 10 – Picnic at Gordons
5. August 18 – Business at DiNovos
6. October 20 – Business at Schreiners
7. December 8 – Christmas Party at Gilberts