

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting October 22, 2008**

A meeting was held on Oct. 22, 2008 to continue the planning of activities for the St. Francis 25th anniversary year. Attendees were: Audrey McGovern, Maureen Schaerfl, Mario Doria-Medina, Teresa Fitzgibbons, Bob Doyle, Jennifer Baker (FSA president), Anne Derependigny (incoming FSA president), Kathy Cramer, Bill Burger

The items discussed were the following:

- 1) the Founding members Mass/recognition will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2008.. Founding members were asked to identify themselves (via notice in the Church Bulletin) by calling Bill Burger. Cheryl Duren will send an invitation letter to attend the 10:30 AM Mass and be recognized as a group and then gather in the Parish Center for refreshments and socializing. Leigh Bullen has agreed to arrange a special cake for the occasion.
- 2) Teresa Fitzgibbons represented Dr. Mike Rockers, who was unable to attend, and discussed some proposals for the involvement of the St. Francis School children:
  - display of poetry written by 5th graders
  - poster contest by the 8th graders on the subject "What St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church Means to Me".
  - art students are designing projects symbolic of the Catholic Church and St. Francis in the church narthex and the school. Bill Burger will contact Mitzi Weaver for ideas on involving CCD students in appropriate projects.
- 3) Parish Picnic in Aug. 2009 time frame:

We had a discussion concerning potential sites for the picnic (e.g. Jarvis Park, Shelter Cove, Hilton Head High School, Rose Hill, Honey Horn etc.)

Bill Burger will contact Alison Griswold to see if it is feasible for the Youth Group to take the lead in organizing this event (as well as any other potential activities for Youth Group participation).
- 4) Parish Dinner/Dance in the time frame of Nov. 2009:

Agreement was reached with the Parish Council that this event will be held in the new multi purpose facility of the school in the fall of next year. The FSA (Jennifer Baker and Anne Derependigny) was requested to take the lead in organizing this event. Any early funding required would be requested through the Parish Council.
- 5) Kathy Cramer made a proposal to have a celebration Mass for the whole parish at the end of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Dec. 2009. Intent is to have the Mass at the Crazy Crab (possibly outdoors) with a luncheon to follow. Kathy will contact Tom Reilley to determine if it is feasible and plan the event. All thought it was an excellent idea.
- 6) 25th Anniversary poem by Bob Hamel:

Bob Hamel's poem will be printed and inserted into the Church Bulletin on the weekend of Dec.6/7. Maureen did an excellent job of working with Bob to compress the poem and format it to facilitate printing. Colleen has agreed to print it for us. We will also look into the possibility of assembling a booklet of a collection of these poems.
- 7) Maureen Schaerfl has worked with St. Francis School to obtain a book on St. Francis of Assisi for the school library. The book was written by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. It was suggested that it would be a great idea if we could get the author to agree to come to speak to the parish. Jennifer Baker and Teresa Fitzgibbons will see if the St. Francis School children would write a request letter, which would have a greater impact.
- 8) Communications:
  - Catholic Miscellany - Maureen Schaerfl has been working with Norma McClain on information for an article. I gave Norma the names of some of the founding members who she might want to interview.
  - The Island Packet - Teresa Fitzgibbons will be the contact person to Rene Dudley, the reporter who will do a feature article on the 25th anniversary during the year. I gave Rene information, photos, key founding members names etc. that would be useful.

I will arrange a status meeting sometime in the latter part of November. Thanks for all your efforts.

Bill Burger