

Planning meeting for St. Emile Christmas Gathering

Friday, Oct. 27th in Parish Hall

PRESENT: *Fr. Gerry, Al & Donna O'Toole, Myrna Mah, Nelly Trinidad, Rollande Flockton, Nancy St. Hilaire, Chrisy Nnadi, Iris Tymofichuk, Sylvester Oyamienlen, Caridad Reno, Nora Kalaw, Vic & Linda McQueen, Gilbert & Paulette Dupuis*

1. Welcome & Prayer: Fr. Gerry

2. Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec. 17, after 11 a.m. Mass 12-3 p.m.) (this event replaces the "Coffee & Hospitality" for December)

3. **PURPOSE:** To informally celebrate the birth of our Lord

To acknowledge & thank all our volunteers

To build community & have fun together

4. Sign Up will be an insert in bulletin.

Donna will make Invitation/Sign up sheet and keep track of number of numbers to attend. This insert will be: Nov 11/12, Nov 18/19, Nov. 25/26. Another date will be added if the responses indicate the need.

Christy will make posters for the church.

5. M.C.: Al & Paulette

6. Program: a) **Linda** will contact someone to lead people in 1 or 2 simple dances

b) **Father G.** will speak to Music Ministry to lead us in a few songs

c) **Gilbert** will invite Knights for a presentation (songs, skit..)

d) **Rollande** will invite Food Bank volunteers to present

e) **Donna** will organize the Children of the Catechism program

f) **Father** will invite the CWL ladies to participate

g) **Paulette** will invite parishioners in the bulletin

h) **Myrna** will contact Bob Beaudin & Don Petche to help her with photographs throughout the luncheon. **Iris** will assist in finding Christmas articles for people to wear for photographs. (Santa hats, scarfs, funny glasses,...) Anyone with items, please contact Iris or Myrna

i) **Gilbert** will set up an area for the children to amuse themselves with coloring etc..

7. Set up & Clean up: **Gilbert** will organize volunteers

8. Decorations: **Iris** will organize volunteers

9. Food: Due to the recent challenges, it is decided to cater a luncheon.

a) **Rollande**: Veggie & Fruit platters & dips, coffee, tea & juice, dainties

b) **Nancy, Christy & Iris** will research possible caterers for sandwiches & soup

10. It was decided to have Free Will donation. This will cover part of expenses. All receipts to go to Finance Committee. **Paulette** will speak to Rosemarie re: \$\$\$\$

11. **Fr. Gerry** will speak to Deacon Stepan about being St. Nicholas & distributing Candy Canes

12. It was decided not to have a Silent Auction

13. Closing Prayer: Fr. Gerry

NEXT MTG: Thursday, Nov. 30th @ 7 pm