

Appalachian Twinning Ministry Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2017

1. Brenda Miller led the reflection on ‘one anothering.’ The focus was on not grumbling about others.
2. Susanne Ferris will lead the reflection for the October 10 meeting. She may use Item 40 from the ‘one anothering’ list.
3. Three new members attended the meeting: Mary Manning and Fay (Faith) and Freddie Siewers. Welcome!
4. ATM will sell raffle tickets for a beautiful piece of needlework art that was donated by someone from the Holy Family Parish (HFP) area. The tickets will be sold before and after Masses on the weekends of August 19 and 26. Ticket prices: \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00. Karen Hannon said that Magda Schultheis will handle the announcements, set up, providing the tickets and change money, and counting the money on Monday. Gina will make arrangements to deliver the proceeds to HFP. The following people have volunteered to work at the Masses:

Saturday, Aug. 19, 5:00 p.m.	Mark Law
Sunday, Aug. 20, 7:45 a.m.	Shirley Uzell
Sunday, Aug. 20, 9:15 a.m.	Susanne Ferris, Kathleen Joyce
Sunday, Aug. 20, 11:15 a.m.	Joanna Piserchio, Bill Breitbach
Sunday, Aug. 20, 5:00 p.m.	Beth Yeakel
Saturday, Aug. 26, 5:00 p.m.	Mark Law
Sunday, Aug. 27, 7:45 a.m.	Shirley Uzell
Sunday, Aug. 27, 9:15 a.m.	Susanne Ferris, Kathleen Joyce
Sunday, Aug. 27, 11:15 a.m.	Joanna Piserchio, Bill Breitbach
Sunday, Aug. 27, 5:00 p.m.	Mark Law

5. Karen Hannon was asked by St. Elizabeth’s (Donna Lambert) to collect books for the men in prison in Pocahontas. Four ATM members volunteered to collect books from the Haiti rummage sale. The plan is:
 - Arrive at the rummage sale at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, and check in with Donna Sisson, who is one of the rummage sale organizers. It’s important to be on time because other organizations will be arriving around noon to collect whatever remains from the sale.
 - Select 300-400 books that may be of interest to men. There will be about 20 minutes to do this.
 - Box them up and store them in the church closet (labelled so we know they’re for ATM and men’s prison) where they will remain until we can take them to HFP. From there, John and Hillary Benish, who attend St. Theresa’s and volunteer at the prison, would help deliver them.
 - The following ATM members volunteered: Stephen Beer, Beth Yeakel, Mary Manning, and Fay Siewers.

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6. Fr. Jugene Espeleta is the new priest at HFP. He was previously at St. John's Church in Dinwiddie County.
7. Thanks to Kathleen Joyce, Susanne Ferris, and all who helped with the Back-to-School drive, which raised \$3275! Shirley Uzell delivered the Walmart cards, along with \$1300 in gift cards that Karen Hannon purchased using the 2016-2017 ATM funds, to the HFP office. The back-to-school cards have been provided to St. Mary's, St. Theresa's, and St. Elizabeth's.
8. On Sept. 9 and 10, ATM will have a fundraiser for the Grundy Remote Area Medical (RAM) weekend. We will collect Walmart cards, cash, and blankets before and after the Masses. Nora Newell will coordinate the drive, and will be looking for volunteers. Also, Nora, Mark Law, and Janet Cosby will be volunteering at RAM; they will drive down on Oct. 5 and return on Oct. 8. Mark said that all volunteers for RAM will be staying at Breaks State Park.
9. Karen Hannon will be retiring, effective Aug. 18. (Congratulations and Godspeed, Karen!) Deacon Dave will be overseeing pastoral ministries, and Magda Schultheis will coordinate activities.
10. Karen provided a copy of the budget for 2017-2018 (\$4000). Regarding the funds that are not provided by the Human Concerns budget: Karen said that the intent is to have a committee composed of a priest from St. Michael's, the HFP priest, and an ATM member that will determine how those funds are spent.
11. Shirley Uzell said that Margie Bagby is willing to be a liaison for our effort to establish more personal relationships with each of the HFP churches' members.

Attendees:

Bill Breitbach

Karen Hannon

Kathleen Joyce

Susanne Ferris

Mark Law

Mary Manning

Shirley Uzell

Freddie Siewers

Fay Siewers (Yack)

Beth Yeakel

Joanna Piserchio

Brenda Miller

Gina Borsh (prepared meeting minutes)