



“Hand in Hand with Haiti” Twinning Committee Meeting Minutes 10/10/2011

Attendees: Bob Metz, Maureen Gula, Rick Rhodes, Carolyn Holton, Jeannine Storer, Bill Cote, Karen Jensen

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with a prayer

Old Business:

- Karen Jensen talked about the monies collected during the 2009 Road fundraiser and that calls have been made to parishioners to move those monies to a different account. There are about 30 calls left to make to those who donated less than \$60. It is hoped that the calls can be made by the end of the year and the monies moved from the restricted account.
- Maureen Gula and Bill Cote discussed that no process had been made on the PROCHE grant but the information they had received from Maureen Zientek in September would be helpful and they will now move forward on the grant. Karen Jensen will check with CRS to see if there is a deadline for the grant and also if a match is required.
- Karen Jensen gave a brief update on the RAM involvement and that although the process is very slow, it is continuing.
- There will be a medical mission back to St. Gabriel and is currently planned for April 12-20, 2012.
- Time & Talent times were covered and there were volunteers for all the Masses.

New Business:

- Karen Jensen reported that Fr. Gaby has sent a message that he will be present for the Haiti fundraiser scheduled for January 28, 2012.
- The group discussed a number of other initiatives HHH might take regarding fundraising and members will check into the areas discussed and report back next month. We will follow up next month with Bill Cote regarding questions for the children at Holy Family and letters to the children in Beau Sejour.
- Karen Jensen stated that William Destin, who is working with REM, has asked for a mission statement from our committee. All members are asked to come up with their ideas and we will complete a mission statement to be approved by Fr. John, hopefully by December 2011.
- Karen Jensen discussed breaking the sub-committees into areas over which other members would be willing to coordinate. Because the medical mission takes all the slots for others to visit St Gabriel, we are contemplating doing a second 2012 mission for others to join and perhaps have the participation of St. Margaret Mary in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Some members have volunteered to move forward on this an discussions will follow.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 in church office Room 202.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Jensen