

Ripples of Hope/Minutes of Meeting February 8, 2016

1. Opened with prayer
2. The minutes of the 12/14/15 meeting were approved.
3. The financial report was reviewed
 - a. The Octoberfest event didn't make as much as was hoped
 - Patti will write letters to try to get food donated to reduce expenses
 - Discussed selling the following items for 2016 Octoberfest:
 - Walking tacos
 - Popcorn
 - Nachos & cheese
4. Promoting "Ripples of Hope"
 - a. Kara will work with Sue Jury on using the parish Facebook page to connect to a Ripples of Hope page
 - b. Brochures – okay
 - c. Thank you notes – okay
5. Next Projects
 - a. The mission of Ripples of Hope was discussed and agreed that instead of committee members just getting involved in various small projects and being the sole "doers" of the projects (spreading ourselves too thin), our mission is really more to coordinate and lead efforts that could get more people involved, therefore allowing others to easily help and feel that they are also making a difference without huge commitments of time.
 - Expand to other larger established initiatives, coordinating the efforts on how our parish can get involved
 - Allow others to help in small ways without too much commitment
 - Reach as many people as possible to have a greater impact to the community
 - Others are needed and welcome to join in helping with any project
 - There are still a few copies of "Fields of the Fatherless" book if anyone would like a copy
 - b. Warming Shelter – dying Easter eggs (will not be taken on by Ripples of Hope, but could be done by individuals if desired)
 - c. May Day baskets – can be done (more discussion & plans at a future meeting)
 - d. Tim will follow up on two projects he suggested with an outline of proposal at future meeting
 - Jerry Bader and children with cancer
 - Shoebox program with International Children's Fund