

AMOS Core Team Meeting Minutes  
December 1, 2004

*Attending:* Jim Young, Jackie Smith, Bruce Yeazell, Dan Aerni, and Stephanie Beck Borden

*Next meeting:* January 5, 2005. 7:00 p.m., Alter Hall Room 202

*Agenda:* AMOS Ad Book fundraiser, learnings from National Leadership Training for Stephanie Borden, discussion of immigration and next steps

**AMOS Ad Book Fundraiser**

- The day of the meeting AMOS sent out a packet of information on the campaign to sell ads for the book, which is done in conjunction with the banquet. It included projected timelines, prices for ads, etc. In addition, there were three specific requests to be fulfilled by the next board meeting on December 16.
  - Resell all the ads we got in 2003, including friends of AMOS.
  - Turn in the form and a check to buy your congregation's ad.
  - Confirm three people who will attend the training on January 6 to learn how to sell ads to new organizations and individuals.
- Everyone present ran through the index list from the 2003 ad book to see if Richard and Stephanie missed anyone. Jim Young had a spreadsheet from last year. In comparing the two, it looks as though the two together will provide the full listing for Bellarmine's work last year.
- Jim Young, Jackie Smith and Dan Aerni were all clear that they could not sell any ads during the coming two weeks before the board meeting.
- Stephanie will compile a complete list of the Bellarmine ads and send it to the whole group along with an invitation for someone on the committee to coordinate this year's ad book sales.

**National Leadership Training report**

- Stephanie shared her experience of the week in Cleveland as one that was intense, but very important. There were two things in particular that seemed vital to the immediate work of the Core Team:
  - One-on-One meetings – Carren mentioned doing more of them last month, but Stephanie didn't understand what they were or why they were important. Now, it is much clearer. She has contacted Joyce Kinley, acting organizer for AMOS to see when training can be offered on doing these types of meetings. Joyce was meeting with the regional Gamaliel organizer, Bill O'Brien, to discuss just that idea two days after the Core Team meeting and will get back to Stephanie with next steps. Stephanie suggested that once everyone is trained, the Core Team commit to each person doing one or two 1 on 1's per month and report back on them. This will hopefully allow the Core Team to get a better sense of where the energy, motive and passion of parishioners is.
    - Regarding the goal of doing 1 on 1's, Stephanie suggested targeting the newest parishioners – those who have registered since January 2002.
  - Identifying self interest – this goes hand in hand with 1 on 1's because this is what you're trying to find out in during the conversation.

- Stephanie also tried to explain the role and place of agitation in the process, as well as sharing insights about cutting issues and being controversial when an issue is selected.
- She also asked who would be interested in going to the next week-long training. Jackie said she would consider it and looked at the February date in Michigan (possibly Detroit).

### **Immigration**

- Everyone acknowledged receiving the summary of Catholic Social Teaching related to immigration and the discussion questions suggested by the USCCB's office of migration.
- Immigration is certainly a current issue in the community as reflected in the front page story in the Enquirer about a baby born to undocumented parents.
- Planning an educational event for the parish around immigration will require a number of things:
  - Core examples of the impact of immigration locally.
  - Clear articulation of what the issues are.
  - Presentation of both side of the issue – balanced information.
  - Opportunity for reflection and discussion
- There will be a brief article introducing the issue to parishioners in the inaugural issue of the Social Mission newsletter in January. Copies of the Catholic Social Teaching themes will be made available on the tables at the entrances.
- Both Stephanie and Jim will make calls to identify a potential presenter/facilitator. This, rather than a panel model was agreed to in that it will allow for more discussion among participants after an informational presentation instead of being a debate between opposing sides of the issue.
- The date for the event will be determined by the speaker, but we will push for a date in January.
- It became clear in the meeting that this is a deep issue that will require an event that allows for full exploration of the issue because for many it will be their first in-depth look at the questions and concerns around it. We can't move people to action too quickly, before they've had an opportunity to take in the information, process it and arrive at a conclusion.

### **Evaluation of meeting**

- Stephanie asked each person to give a one word feeling about the meeting. Several folks noted a feeling of being discouraged and disjointed.
- At the next meeting, we will make an effort to have a written agenda and provide sufficient background on agenda items, keeping in mind that some of us are newer to the AMOS Project than others.