

HOME COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA – Dec 9/99

1.) June: show & tell of pantry area by kitchen

2.) Family Inspiration Videos: Shall we watch one Friday night for inspiration? Then after that... Can we vote in this as a Home. Would we like to get all these for our Home's Inspiration? *A note from note from Tim at ASCRO Office: "An area newsletter video being sent to you just for your inspiration. You didn't order it, we just sent it to you as a complimentary copy. Of course if Benny starts producing/compiling videos for the Worldwide Family on a regular basis, like every 2 or 3 months, costs would need to be covered should you want your own copies.*

3.) Dulzura-Barret Fire Department Meeting

There will be a fire department meeting next month – on the first Thursday, Jan 6. (There is a town meeting every other month on Thursday, and a Fire Department meeting on the alternate month – also Thursday)

At the last planned meeting (Nov 2nd) they had the usual pot luck dinner, but then had to cancel the meeting due to lack of attendance. Only five people came. All interested persons are invited. It seems it would mean a lot to the community if any (or as many as can) of our men would come to the meeting and volunteer. (It is a Volunteer Fire Department here.) Can we discuss if folks would like to attend? Since we don't attend church, this might be a nice opportunity to show community support.

4.) Dr. Chris' Christmas party: June, Larry, Jon, Grant and Dawnie suggested they would possibly be willing to attend. *(Note: Any others interested please make it known. Thanks.)*

5.) Kitchen Cleanliness and Neatness: Having a rotating Sunday person or team to make sure dishes are done, counters are wiped, kitchen floor swept, since these things don't seem to be happening on their own.

Also, since we seem to always have a big stack of dishes in the dish drainer, there is a suggestion be to no longer pile dishes to dry in the sink. Whoever uses dishes during the day could either (1) wash and dry and put them away, or else (2) rinse the food off them and set them in the dishwasher to be washed during mealtimes. Can we discuss these ideas – or some other solution?

Any suggestions about the dirty dishes & pots, food, etc. that are left every morning after breakfast?

6.) Witnessing areas: Whether Rancho S.D. should be included in our areas for passing out tracts. Need to discuss this point further.

7.) Y2K: Dawnie: I was wondering if we should discuss our Y2K preparations being that vacation is coming up soon & after that the Feast & then the new year is upon us. Maybe we'll need to do some extra shopping before vacation to make sure we have enough food & supplies here to hold us over the new years?

HOME ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dish put away: Please take the time to try to put things in their proper places when putting away dishes: ie:

- large metal baking pans and trays in the cupboard next to the dishwasher
- smaller metal baking dishes under the cupboard by the stove (bottom)
- glass baking dishes under the cupboard by the stove (top)
- crystal serving dishes in the closet off the dining room
- plastic mixing & serving bowls under the counter next to the containers

If things get piled in the wrong places they can get broken, and it's more difficult for the cooks and others to find things.

Also, please take a few seconds to stack bowls, pots and dishes with the larger items on the bottom. Perhaps you can count it as a fun game, or therapy, an exercise in the balance of life, a lesson on grace ... whatever...

Please wash, dry and replace parts for the blenders and citrus juice squeezer to the machines immediately after use. Do not leave them in the sink or dishrack or put them in other places – so parts don't get broken and lost (and thus the whole machine is wasted!) Thanks!

Sunday dinners: Whoever takes meat out on Sunday, please either just take what you need and leave the rest in the freezer, or else make sure it goes back to the freezer when you're done. Or we get left with thawed out meat sitting in the fridge (dripping blood on our vegetables!)

Use of grill in kitchen. It may be better just not to use it, and it doesn't seem to be such an efficient use of the gas, as most of the heat just comes out the front broiler area. But if you do use it, please make sure you clean it well afterwards, including the place where the grease drains off the grill down the hole to underneath. If you put a little can or bowl there to catch the grease it would be easier to clean. If you do that, please be sure to empty it and leave it clean the can or bowl afterwards. Thanks.

Cooks: Chicken bullion: There is a lot of this canned in the pantry. It looks like the other cans of soup. It is free, so can we try to use this whenever possible, rather than the chicken bullion powder or paste that we buy? Thanks!

Fax and printer areas: anything we can do to avoid leaving papers and things in the fax area by the front entrance?

On taking people's printing out of the printer. As per our previous Home Council discussion: Please leave it there in the printer, unless it's been there a real long time (more than a few hours) or something, in which case you can put it in the person's stacker if you can figure it out, or in the tray under the printer.

Rubber hoses should be left neatly coiled, not twisted and all, or they develop leaks. So if see an unruly hose, take a minute to neatly coil it. Tx!