

Parish Life Committee – 1 Feb 2017

Attendees: Lisa Barnett, Sue Scoles, Sue Sprong, Janet Brimeyer and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 7:03 pm with an opening song (Blest Are They). This is per the “sing more” recommendation from the book *A Church on the Move*.

Old Business:

Parish Life Organizations

Several updates occurred to leadership positions within Parish Life organizations since our last meeting. Deane and Sue Belcher decided to step down from the Parish Life Committee because they live out of town for the majority of the year. Sue Scoles agreed to take over their liaison responsibilities with the Circles. Cheryl Carlile also resigned from our team due to time conflicts. Lisa Barnett agreed to collaborate with Meals Ministry and Saints Play Group. We updated our organizational spreadsheet to reflect all known changes.

Action: Janet update the Parish Life portion of the parish website to reflect known changes.

Strategic Planning

Lisa, Janet and Rick gave an overview of the Strategic Plan which was updated on Jan. 21. We are comfortable with our two Initiatives as currently stated:

1. Develop a life cycle map and identify underserved demographics within the parish
2. Provide structure and help new groups form if/when leaders step forward

Several ideas were discussed for creating the life cycle map. We will use Post-It notes on a large roll of newsprint for our first draft. It was suggested that we should consider Parish Life groups at St. Thomas and Sts. Peter and Paul to avoid unnecessary redundancy.

Action: Relative to our Initiative, **each Parish Life member** is asked to begin collecting their thoughts on best practices which their organizations employ that will be helpful when aiding a new group.

Las Posadas

Las Posadas was held on a slick, snowy Friday evening, December 16th. The weather definitely impacted attendance. Three members of the Parish Life Committee attended and enjoyed the festivities.

Parish Directory

The new directory is scheduled for March-April with sign-ups during March and photos taken during April. We should be receiving an email in the next week with more info and requesting parish groups to volunteer.

Budget

The Welcoming Committee reduced their requested funds for the upcoming fiscal year from \$3500 to \$2000. Parish Life reduced their requested funds from \$3000 to \$1500. We anticipate helping Las Posadas again in 2017 and perhaps also needing some funds to support a new organization.

Parish Life Committee Succession Plan

No one has yet agreed to step forward to assume leadership effective with the new fiscal year.

New Business

Identifying New Members

Despite losing three members, we don't feel we are in a critical situation. We do believe, however, that we could benefit greatly from having a member with younger children to represent that demographic within the parish. We therefore agreed that, as a first step, we should place a targeted request for a member or two in the parish bulletin and perhaps the school newsletter. We brainstormed some ideas if that is not successful. We also reasoned that completing the parishioner life cycle map may point to some gaps.

Action: **Rick** author the new member request for the bulletin.

Thank You Cards

Members wrote Thank You cards for leaders of Parish Life organizations.

Action: **Each member** is responsible for getting their cards to the leaders with which they interact.

We ended the meeting with a closing song (You Are Mine) at 8:15 pm.