

Parish Life Committee – 1 June 2016

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

Our meeting convened at 7:05 pm with an opening prayer. We welcomed prospective member Lisa Barnett.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Parish Life Organizations

Various updates from Parish Life organizations were reported by members:

- Rick and Fr. Secora met and agreed that Catholics of Ames Young Adult Community (CAYAC) will reside under Parish Life for organizational advice and direction. St. Tom's will continue to financially support the group.
- Coffee & Donuts has a new leader as Mindy Stahr stepped forward. Thanks Mindy!
- Meals Ministry has replaced Meals for Families with New Babies. As the new name implies, the organization is expanding its target audience. This new organization is recruiting volunteers and has served several meals for three families to-date.
- Tina Colburn and Janice Grove are reportedly interested in succeeding Jane Baty and Judy Trumpy on Special Events.
- Play Group is expanding over the summer to include the two other local parishes. They are calling it Saints Summer Playgroup. We will continue to monitor to see if this becomes a permanent arrangement.
- No final decision has been made yet on whether our contact should be with St. Cecilia Council of Catholic Women (SCCCW) or the various circles, although we are leaning towards the former.
- We briefly discussed a document sent by JoAnne Dalhoff regarding what some parishes are doing to aid parishioners with disabilities. We will keep this document on file if/when we decide to proceed in this direction.

A recurring issue among groups is leadership succession. Potential leaders are afraid to volunteer because they fear they are signing up for infinity. Rick shared a model for continually renewing leadership. Parish Life members should feel free to share with their organizations. We will also plan to discuss the subject at the Parish Life Leadership Social.

Parish Life Leadership Social

Rick changed the name (after the meeting) from Fall Social to Parish Life Leadership Social so that those reading the minutes do not confuse this with a parish-wide social event (e.g. Corn Fest). We agreed this is intended for leaders/co-leaders (or their reps) from the various Parish Life organizations.

Rick shared a proposed agenda for the event. **Actions: Sue Scoles and Sue Sprong** agreed to develop the logistical details (date, location, refreshments) while **Rick** will finalize the agenda.

Parish Life Initiatives

Sue Sprong did not find the book *A Seat at the Table: A Generation Reimagining its Place in the Church* to be highly engaging.

Fr. Secora recommended *Radical Hospitality*. A team member is sought to pursue and review this book.

No progress has been made relative to having a Hispanic parishioner join our committee.

Website

Janet completed training on updating the Parish Life portion of the website. She shared her first draft and a couple of improvement ideas were presented which she will pursue.

Minutes of past Parish Life meetings are now available on line. We intend to have a tab available for all Parish Life member organizations. A handful of examples were shared. **Action: All team members** follow the template used by one of the existing organizations (Play Group, Funeral Lunches, etc.) and email Janet the corresponding information (What, Who, When, Contact) for the organizations for which you serve as a liaison.

There is not Parish Life meeting in July. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 3 at 7:00 pm at the Brimeyer house (2615 Southridge Circle). This meeting will primarily be focused on final arrangements for the Parish Life Leadership Social. Depending on the availability of Sue Sprong and Sue Scoles, we may have to reschedule.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 7:55 pm.