

Parish Life Committee – 14 Sep 2016

Attendees: Lisa Barnett, Ron Barnett (PC rep), Janet Brimeyer, Cheryl Carlile, Sue Scoles, Sue Sprong, Jarrett Wendt (Pastoral Associate), and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 7:03 pm with an opening prayer. We welcomed Jarrett Wendt as our new Pastoral Associate and provided a brief overview of Parish Life Committee for Jarrett.

We agreed to drop approval of prior meeting minutes from future agendas as this is handled more effectively and efficiently via email in the week immediately following the meeting.

Old Business:

Parish Life Leadership Social

Sue Sprong and Sue Scoles provided an update on logistics for the Parish Life Leadership Social. The Oscar Romero room is reserved for the evening of Thurs., Oct. 13.

- **Action Sue Scoles** will pick up the key at the Parish office prior to that evening
- **Action Sue & Sue** will prepare lemonade and brownies for 20-25 people (a more definite count will be possible following responses to our invitation)

Rick sent an email to Parish Life organizations leaders and copied Parish Life Committee members on Aug. 22. To-date we have received positive responses from Bereavement & Care Ministry, Play Group, Prayer Chain, Special Events and Welcoming Committee. Janet will represent St. Mary Circle.

Action Parish Life Committee Members please contact the leaders that have not yet responded and encourage that they or a representative attend.

Rick shared the presentation for the Parish Life Leadership Social. Minor tweaks were suggested and made. After discussion latter in the agenda, we also agreed to add slides for the Parish Directory and St. Cecilia Feast Day.

Parish Life Organizations

We are happy to report that Tina Colborn and Janice Grove agreed to co-chair the Special Events Ministry.

Also, we will liaison with both the Circles and SCCCW. Members of SCCCW do not technically have to belong to a circle; that's just the way it is today.

Jarrett asked the question as to where Date Night resides in the organization. **Action Janet Brimeyer** investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Action Rick Brimeyer send out the latest revision of the Parish Life Org Chart to committee members.

Parish Life Committee Succession Plan

Rick again stated his intent to step down as Chair on June 30, 2017 and will stay on the Committee through June 30, 2018 to guide the new leader. There was some discussion regarding the advantages/disadvantages of Co-Chairs. The succession planning model that we are presenting provides a Vice-Chair “back-up” and the past Chair as providing assistance for the Chair.

Action Parish Life Committee Members please discern/consider accepting the Vice-Chair role with the intent of taking over on June 30, 2017. While not necessary for the Parish Life Leadership Social, it would help demonstrate that we are living the model we recommend.

Parish Life Committee Initiatives

Rick did not receive a response from the Hispanic parishioner which he approached for joining our committee. We agreed that she is quite busy performing other important roles. Jarrett has some ideas and contacts and will help us with this.

New Business:

Parish Directory

It has been five years since our last parish directory and the Parish Office is beginning discussions with Lifetouch on a new directory in April/May, 2017. Various help and skills will be necessary including graphic layout of the book, photos of parish life activities, editing information, etc.

This may be an opportunity for existing Parish Life organizations and various parishioners to help. We agreed to introduce the topic at the Parish Life Leadership Social.

St. Cecilia Feast Day

Jarrett said that we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Cecilia on the weekend of Nov. 12-13. This will also be the third leg of the Klingseis Celebration. Jarrett believes that he can be the “general contractor” for the weekend but that specific activities and the details involved should be “subcontracted” to expert individuals/teams/organizations. We recommended a high level planning meeting with representatives from music ministry, Klingseis Celebration Committee, various Parish Life organizations, etc. If various activities are valued, then a group should step forward to organize it. For example, Play Group and/or Family School Association (FSA) may be interested in leading children’s games. If no organization steps forward, then that activity may not be warranted. We also recommended keeping things simple.

We ended the meeting with a closing prayer at 8:05 pm.