

# Parish Life Committee – 3 Feb 2016

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**Attendees:** Deane Belcher, Sue Belcher, Janet Brimeyer, Cheryl Carlile, Steve Cochren, Sue Sprong, and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with our opening prayer.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

## **Old Business:**

Additional adjustments to the Parish Life chart during January.

- Sarah Mansell confirmed that she is interested in leading Meals for Families with New Babies. Cheryl and Dan Carlile will be our contacts with Sarah.
- Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors is an active organization under the guidance of Angela Fisher. Steve Cochren agreed to be the Parish Life liaison to this group.

**Rick** still has the **action** to follow-up with current CAYAC leaders to see if it makes sense for them to be included in Parish Life.

The updated chart is included below:

Cheryl & Dan Carlile	Meals for Families w/New Babies Play Group
Sue & Deane Belcher	St. Anne Circle St. Gertrude Circle St. Mary Circle (SCCCW)
Steve Cochren	Veteran's Coffee (verify name) Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors
Sue Sprong	Welcoming Committee Coffee & Donuts Special Events
Sue Scoles	Home Visit Volunteers Prayer Chain
Rick & Janet Brimeyer	Bereavement & Care Funeral Lunch Food Prep Funeral Luncheons

The Pastoral Council agreed with our proposal to change our second Strategic Planning Initiative

**From:** Identify specific opportunities to further an environment of hospitality

**To:** Educate ourselves about hospitality.

Also at the request of Archbishop Jackels our third Initiative will be reworded to strengthen the message that we are all one community.

**From:** Bridge the gap with our Hispanic community.

**To:** Bridge the gap with our Hispanic parishioners

**Action: All team members** are encouraged to research “hospitality” and share what you learn at our next meeting.

**Action: Rick** to contact acquaintances to promote Hispanic parishioner(s) joining our Committee.

Char included \$1000 in the proposed budget for FY2016-17 for Parish Life.

### **New Business:**

Rick sent out the Parish Life introduction to the various leaders of the organizations under our umbrella. At least one response was received that they were looking forward to working with us.

Sue Belcher had some initial discussions with her respective organizations. Sue Belcher received a question back from Paula Wiebel regarding the relationship between Parish Life and St. Cecilia Council of Catholic Women. We also questioned this in one of our earlier meetings.

**Action: Janet** follow-up with Carolyn Konechne to better define the relationship.

Sue Belcher also reported that she has had several parishioners comment that they would like to get more involved but are fearful of a “15-20 year commitment.” We discussed this extensively and agreed that perhaps we should be sharing this concern with Parish Life organizations. This may mean encouraging leadership “terms” so people know there is an end date.

**Action: Rick** send out the Parish Life introduction to Angela Fisher.

**Action: All team members** make initial contact with your respective organizations.

**Action: Rick** share the discussion regarding “15-20 year commitment” with Bill Haas since Stewardship is working on an Initiative of getting more parishioners involved.

We discussed our role in helping organizations. As an example, we discussed some of the potential issues with getting a new organization such as Meals for Families with New Babies up and running. The intent was to make sure we are on the same page relative to assisting and not taking over leadership.

We are already seeing how an effective Parish Life organization can help “connect” the existing organizations. For example, we discussed simple ways to help existing organizations work with Welcoming to recruit new members during the registration process (e.g., Play Group including their “flyer” in the registration packet).

We took a look at the parish website to observe the potential of helping organizations place information there. The new website was up which was the first viewing for most team members.

We agreed to table the parishioner visual timeline until we get things running smoothly with existing organizations.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm at the Brimeyer house (2615 Southridge Circle). Steve is unable to attend this meeting.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 7:45 pm.