

Parish Life Committee – 5 Apr 2017

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

Our meeting convened at 7:03 pm with an opening song (Beyond the Days).

Old Business:

Update from Pastoral Council

Ron reported that the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Facilities Committee met in March to discuss potential options for maintaining and/or improving facilities with a focus on the worship space.

Parish Life Organizations

One change occurred to leadership positions within Parish Life organizations since our last meeting. Rebecca Finch is now in charge of Saints Play Group

We updated our organizational spreadsheet to reflect this change.

Action: Janet determine if Julie Haas is still co-leading Funeral Lunches.

Action: Janet update the Parish Life webpage to reflect the leadership update to Saints Play Group.

New Members Update

Cheryl Carlile and Mirna Canusa were not present at our meeting. We will hold off for one more month on a bulletin announcement attempting to recruit a younger member.

Parish Directory

Sign-ups for the new directory are proceeding well. Circles are among the groups that have volunteered to staff the registration table. We anticipate there will be additional needs once photo sessions begin.

Parishioner Life Cycle Map

We reviewed the latest revision of the life cycle map, noting that there are currently no male-only organizations under Parish Life. Rick shared the map with St. Thomas and Sts. Peter & Paul. Tom Budnik from St. Tom's is interested in further discussing.

Action: Rick share the map with Pastoral Council during our strategic planning update to the Council and discuss the potential value of expanding the map to other committees.

Hispanic Immigrant Event

The Parish Life committee was well represented as volunteers at Sunday's event. We reviewed Jarrett's thank you and commented that it was a rewarding and fun evening for volunteers.

New Business

Best Practices

The group brainstormed the best practices from each of our various organizations. We plan to organize these into a single document to share with existing and new Parish Life organizations.

During this discussion it was noted by Janet that there appears to be a noticeable decline in prayer requests since the leadership transition.

Also, following the meeting Cheryl Carlile shared that a member of the Bereavement Committee was unaware of Meals Ministry.

Action: Rick organize the best practices into a useful document

Action: Sue investigate and discuss prayer requests with Melissa Bortle.

Action: All members think about how we increase visibility of all Parish Life organizations, especially to other Parish Life organizations.

We ended the meeting with a closing song (In These Days of Lenten Journey) at 7:55 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. May 3 at 7:00 pm at 2615 Southridge Circle.