

Parish Life Committee – 7 Dec 2016

Attendees: Lisa Barnett, Ron Barnett (PC rep), Deane Belcher, Sue Belcher, Janet Brimeyer and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 7:01 pm with an opening prayer.

Old Business:

St. Cecilia Feast Day

Everyone was pleased with the participation at the Feast Day. Attendees liked the music and the tables with their organizations represented. We need to be more pro-active in offering information as visitors to our table wanted to get their sheets signed off on to get in the drawing. They loved the pinwheels as well! We had two individuals sign up that were interested in Parish Life: Alyssa Spicer and Rebecca Leuth. They were invited to this meeting. Thanks to Sue Sprong for providing the pinwheels as our finger food. (There were 3-4 dozen pinwheels left.)

Parish Life Organizations

Marge Sutter has stepped down from leading Prayer Chain and Melissa Bortle will be making calls or sending emails.

Lisa noted that Senior Group did have an item in the bulletin a week before their next lunch.

Action: Janet identify a volunteer for calling out-of-town parishioners for Funeral Food donations.

Parish Life Committee Succession Plan

There was no further discussion due to the low number of attendees at the meeting.

Parish Directory

Photos for the new Parish Directory are planned for February. The Parish Office has asked us to identify volunteers for staffing the sign-in table in two-hour increments.

We don't believe the office has published anything in the bulletin recently requesting volunteers.

Action: All Parish Life members contact your respective groups and ask them to provide names of interested volunteers.

Parish Life Committee Initiatives

Rick read the book *Radical Hospitality*. He thought the book was worthwhile.

Action: Rick send notes out on *Radical Hospitality*.

Las Posadas

Las Posadas will be Friday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m. The Hispanic Community is inviting all parishioners. It will be a potluck. There is usually a play put on by the children where Jesus and Mary are looking for a place to stay where Jesus will be born. There will be a piñata and games.

Action: All Parish Life members are encouraged to attend Posada this December.

New Business

Budget

Char is asking us for a budget figure for next year. We have \$1,000 in our budget this year and have not spent any of it. We will request the same amount for next year in case new groups need help getting started. We may give \$100 to the Posada and some money to CAYAC which has been fully funded by St. Thomas.

Action: Rick check with Special Events to see where their money comes from to put on events.

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning for the Parish will take place on Saturday, January 7th at 8:30 a.m.

We reviewed Parish Life initiatives. It is time to map out the timeline to identify gaps and promote new groups to fill those gaps.

Action: Lisa will attend and Sue Belcher will see if she is available.

We ended the meeting with a closing prayer at 7:39 pm.