

Parish Life Committee – 8 Mar 2017

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

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening song (Save Your People). This is per the “sing more” recommendation from the book *A Church on the Move*.

Old Business:

Parish Life Organizations

A couple of changes occurred to leadership positions within Parish Life organizations since our last meeting.

- Melissa Bortle is leading Prayer Chain by herself. Melissa is now communicating via email with those members that prefer it, reducing the number of phone calls required from 42 to 15.
- Sue Scoles reached out via email to the leaders of the Circles as their new liaison.
- Lisa Barnett held initial discussions with Meals Ministry and Saints Play Group as their new liaison.

We updated our organizational spreadsheet to reflect all known changes.

Action: Janet obtain emails for Elizabeth Wilt-Cable (Bereavement & Care) and obtain Helen Brennan (Funeral Luncheon Food Preparation).

New Members Update

Cheryl Carlile is planning to introduce Mirna Canusa to the Parish Life Committee at our April meeting. We thus decided to hold off on a bulletin announcement attempting to recruit a younger member until after that meeting.

Parish Directory

Sign-ups for the new directory are underway. Parish Life is willing to request volunteers to help as needed provided we know specifically what we are asking for.

New Business

Message from Stewardship Committee

Jarrett read a message from the Stewardship Committee regarding stewardship of treasure. The group briefly discussed means of sharing this message with the entire parish.

Parishioner Life Cycle Map

Per our Initiative, we constructed the first draft of a visual map of where the various Parish Life committees fit into parishioners' lives using a large strip of paper and color-coded Post-Its to represent genders. It became visually obvious that women are currently much more active in Parish Life organizations.

We will explore the possibilities of extending the map to represent Parish Life organizations at St. Tom's and Sts. Peter & Paul as well as organizations under other committees at St. Cecilia.

Action: Rick convert the paper draft into an electronic document.

Action: Rick identify the Parish Life contacts at the other Ames parishes.

Action: Each Parish Life member collect thoughts on best practices which their organizations employ that will be helpful when aiding a new group. We will discuss this at our April meeting.

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St. Cecilia is hosting a Hispanic Immigrant Event on Sunday, April 2 at 6:00 pm. Various organizations will be asked to help provide and serve food for the potluck. Jarrett is organizing an online sign-up. Parish Life agreed to help.

We ended the meeting with a closing song (Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days) at 8:00 pm.