

# Parish Life Committee – 9 Nov 2016

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**Attendees:** Lisa Barnett, Ron Barnett (PC rep), Deane Belcher, Sue Belcher, Charles Bernhard, Janet Brimeyer, Cheryl Carlile, Sue Scoles, Sue Sprong, and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer. We welcomed Charles Bernhard as our deaconate formation candidate who is visiting the various organizations of the parish.

## **Old Business:**

### Parish Life Leadership Social

Everyone was pleased with the participation and feedback from the Parish Life Leadership Social. Thanks to Sue Sprong and Sue Scoles for handling the refreshments and room set-up. This event will become an annual 1.5-hour (max.) event. Two improvements were identified for next October:

- 1) Provide more time for the table discussions
- 2) Encourage the various organizations to invite additional leaders

**Action: Rick** send out Sue Belcher's notes from the Leadership Social.

### Parish Life Organizations

Military Caring Church Coffees has been dropped from Parish Life per Lois Lemkuhl's recommendation because it is part of Military Caring Church which is a national organization.

SCCCW has been dropped from Parish Life because it is part of a national and archdiocesan organization; Circles will remain under Parish Life.

**Action: Sue Scoles** follow up with Prayer Chain to determine if there has been a leadership change.

**Action: Lisa** follow up with Senior Group to better understand its scope and membership.

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

**Action: Rick** send out the updated Parish Life Organization Chart to team members.

Janet contacted Ron Smith and determined that Date Night does not fall under Parish Life.

We reiterated that each team member is expected to interact with their respective group(s) every 3-6 months.

### St. Cecilia Feast Day

We will have a table for the Feast of St. Cecilia Festival. Sue Sprong volunteered to make pinwheels. Sue Sprong, Sue Scoles and Rick Brimeyer will staff the table after 8:30 am Mass; Sue Belcher and Lisa Barnett will staff after 10:30 am Mass.

We reviewed our updated tri-fold.

**Action: Sue Belcher or Lisa** please take the tri-fold home after the festival and bring it to our next meeting.

### 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. Members are still learning about our organization and becoming more comfortable with the potential for leading it.

### 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.

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

**Action: Rick** notify the Parish Office that we believe this opportunity should also be published in the bulletin so that other parishioners have a chance to get involved.

### Parish Life Committee Initiatives

**Action: Rick** will read the book *A Seat at the Table*.

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

### **New Business:**

Charles will be presenting a trip review of his visit to the Holy Land focusing on Mary's fiat in early December. An informal social gathering will follow. We discussed various Parish Life organizations that may be interested in helping with the social.

We ended the meeting with a closing prayer at 7:46 pm.