

Parish Life Committee–April 11, 2019

Attendees: Janet Brimeyer, Lisa Barnett, Sue Scoles, Rick Brimeyer, Nancy Huntley-Kraus

The meeting convened at 7:04 pm with an opening prayer. Janet introduced Karen Stein as a guest to our meeting.

Minutes Approved: Minutes for March 6th were amended and approved. Revised minutes will be posted to the parish website.

Pastoral Council Update: Kate was unable to attend the meeting. No report.

Update to Parish Life Organizational List: Revisions were made. Discussion to list only the group leader/co-leaders. Sue will make revisions and send copy with minutes.

Old Business:

Recruitment for open position on Parish Life Committee. Discussion to use best practice tools in our recruitment for new member. Sue will submit information for Let's Stay Connected and a Bulletin Announcement.

Rick shared reflection on the Pope Francis movie shown last month as part of the volunteer appreciation event. PLC members have sent feedback to Stewardship Committee on the positive impact of this event.

New Business:

Parish Strategic Planning Meeting – Rick shared that the strategic planning meeting last month was successful. The group reviewed and updated the SWOT Analysis for the parish and identified 1-3-year strategies. Several examples were shared. Initiatives for Parish Life Committee were identified as follows:

1. Develop communication methods to tell the story of Parish Life Organizations
2. Organize a parish-wide service project* (shared initiative with Social Justice Committee)

The committee reviewed these initiatives and approved with no revisions. Rick will reach out to Mary Staniger, Stewardship Committee to see if a date has been reserved for the Ministry Fair 2019.

Grandparenting Mentor Group Janet shared a request from Jessica Loecke regarding a specific individual request within the Catholic Women of Ames Group. A family is seeking a local parent/grandparent mentor for their family. A member of PLC expressed interest in meeting with this family. Janet will share contact information with the member. Additionally, Jessica was seeking interest in identifying a group or individuals who may be interested in providing this type of support to others in our community. There was discussion about reaching out to CFM groups. If a group is interested, PLC will be available to assist in using identified best practice strategies for successful implementation.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room.

The meeting ended with prayer at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles