

Parish Life Committee–February 7, 2018

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

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer.

Old Business:

Update from Pastoral Council

Ron reported that he is working with the Election Committee to develop nominations for the Parish Councils, including the Catholic School Board. Please let him know of individuals who have expressed interest and/or submit nominations when the time arrives.

Parish Life Organizations

No changes were noted in leadership among Parish Life organizations.

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive – January 27-28

Rick reported that the clothing drive was a huge success. St. Cecilia Parish filled over 2 trucks. They were extremely appreciative of our parish community response. Lessons learned; plan a weekend designated to our parish only. This may improve communication and coordination of pick-up time with drivers. Two parish volunteers per Mass time/shift were adequate to meet the required needs. Rick will work with St. Vincent DePaul to plan another drive in the fall or early next year.

Parish Life Social Action Plan (2017)

Discussion regarding our Recruitment Initiative was further defined. Our initiative, based on input received at the Fall Leadership Social is to “feature” one group per month. We continue to support the list brainstormed at our December meeting. Rick volunteered to work with Mary Sue on a template for both the bulletin announcement and “Let’s Stay Connected”. This template will be a standard format for each service group to use. Parish Life Committee (PLC) will assist groups with other recruitment methods as needed. Sue Scoles will send out a memo to all PLC service groups informing them of the Recruitment Initiative and ask groups if they would like to participate. A reminder will be included in the memo that this originated from the Fall Leadership Social.

New Business:

2018 Parish Strategic Planning Meeting

Sue Sprong attended the 2018 Strategic Planning Session representing Parish Life Committee. Rick Brimeyer also in attendance was the facilitator at the session. There were no significant changes in the strategies, although some word changes allowed for improved understanding within the action items.

Sue and Rick shared the PLC initiative and the committee supported the following; *Help existing Parish Life organizations to be successful with a focus on recruitment of new members.*

New Membership for Parish Life Committee

Discussion regarding recruitment of new membership to Parish Life Committee. A list of about 4 names was developed. Each committee member will reach out to one parishioner this month asking for their interest in becoming involved.

Welcoming Committee request for help

Sue Sprong reported that the Welcoming Committee has provided each new parish family an invitation for free dinner at one of the 3 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this Lenten Season. The Welcoming Committee will have members available at each fish fry to join the new families and make them feel welcome by joining them or matching them up with families at the dinner. If anyone on PLC is interested in assisting the Welcoming Committee with this initiative please send Sue Sprong an e-mail with date and time available.

Coffee and Donuts

Discussion was held and determined that the PLC would like to sign-up for an open Sunday to serve at Coffee and Donuts. Sue Scoles will bring a list of open dates in April/May to the next meetings.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. March 7th. It will be held in the Parish Office conference room.

We ended the meeting with a closing prayer at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles