

Parish Life Committee – January 3, 2018

Attendees: Lisa Barnett, Ron Barnett, Sue Scoles

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer (Most Holy Name).

Old Business:

Update from Pastoral Council

No report. There was no scheduled Pastoral Council meeting in December.

Parish Life Organizations

No changes were noted in leadership among Parish Life organizations. Sue was made aware of two service groups “Book Wranglers” and “Rosary Makers”. Sue will follow-up and determine if these fall under the PLC tier.

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive – January 27-28

The sign-up sheet for Parish Life Committee members was shared. Sue will reach out to members not present with available shifts. Additionally Rick suggested we reach out to leaders of the Parish Life organizations and ask them to share information during their January meetings. Sue will send an email to groups.

Parish Life Social Action Plan

One strategy was that Parish Life Committee helps member organizations recruit new members. We reviewed the list of ideas brainstormed last month and developed a strategy for using this list to assist other organizations. Suggestions included sharing this list within our Best Practice Manual. Additionally, we agreed to start with one organization and develop a framework for a monthly recruitment initiative. Top ideas included Mass announcement, bulletin announcement/insert, table tent at Coffee & Donuts, and Narthex table. More ideas and suggestions will be discussed in February when additional member input can be gathered.

New Business:

Review 2017 Parish Strategic Plan Initiatives for PLC

Initiatives for the 2017 Strategic Plan included development of a life cycle map to identify underserved demographics within the parish and to provide structure and help new groups form if/when leaders step forward. We have made good progress against these initiatives having completed the life cycle map and development of the Best Practice manual for new groups. Ron will let PLC know if a Strategic Planning session is planned in 2018.

St. Cecilia Parish – Communication Survey.

Sue has received a communication survey from Char Vankerckvoorde asking our Committee to discuss and answer a few questions regarding an initiative to improve parish communication. Sue will email committee members with our draft responses seeking input from those unable to attend. Sue will send final survey to the parish office by the deadline at the end of January.

New Membership for Parish Life Committee

Lisa suggested we consider adding new members to our committee as we have decreased in membership since January 2017. All committee members come to our February meeting with suggestions of potential new members.

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

We ended the meeting with a closing prayer (Prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles