

# Parish Life Committee–August 7, 2019

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**Attendees:** Sue Scoles, Rick Brimeyer, Nancy Huntley-Kraus, Kate Hartzler

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer. Britta Heidenreich has agreed to be a member of our committee. She was unable to attend the meeting this evening and plans to join us in September.

**Minutes Approved:** Minutes for June 5<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**Pastoral Council Update:** Kate reported that Pastoral Council has been working on an orientation for new members of Parish Councils. A fall session is being planned. Master scheduling to parish meeting rooms is being designed. This will allow members to look on line for open rooms and then contact the parish office with requested dates. The Columbarium Committee will begin working with the facilities committee for further planning and discussion. No final decisions have been made to date. There is a committee working on onboarding and welcoming our new parish pastor upon Fr. Jim's retirement in 2020.

**Update to Parish Life Organizational List:** No changes. Britta will be added to open liaison committees at our September meeting.

## **Old Business:**

### Recruitment for Parish Life Committee

Recruitment for open position on Parish Life Committee continues. Sue, Rick and Janet reached out to targeted individuals this past month and reported back on the process. Rick will add using the election results to identify individuals willing to serve in parish leadership roles to our best practice list. Bulletin request for new members were completed **2 weekends** in July.

### 2019/2012 PLC Strategic Initiatives

1. *Develop communication methods to tell the story of Parish Life Committee.* PLC will host a table at the Ministry Fair (Sept 7-8) Sue will notify Stewardship Committee of our desire to participate and identify table size and complete the reservation process. Sue will update the bi-fold poster regarding PLC. Rick and Janet have volunteered to serve at all Masses as needed. Nancy will contact Rick if she is available. Kate will be responsible for individual treats/snack at our table. Thanks to this great group for supporting this initiative.
2. *Organize a parish-wide service project \* (shared initiative with Social Justice Committee)*  
Rick will be meeting with the Social Justice Committee later this month. The current idea for a combined service **project** may include the collection of non-perishable items that can serve multiple service **organizations** in the county. Rick likes this idea as it is something all ages can participate with and it would be a very visible project to encourage participation. More information forthcoming at future meetings.

Cheryl McCarthy, Book "May Hands Make Light Work" Request: Sue shared the request by Cheryl McCarthy for a book signing/presentation at St. Cecilia Parish has been referred to the St. Cecilia Catholic Daughters. This group will work with Cheryl for a potential program and a book signing after Masses on a weekend in November 2019.

## **New Business:**

Stewardship Committee Request: The Stewardship Committee is working on a 2019 Initiative to build connections with other committees. They had requested to present at our meeting this evening but have postponed this discussion until a future date.

Orientation for Parish Council and Committee Members: Sue received communication from Lois Lehmkuhl asking for our committee support and presentation at this new orientation session, scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>. PLC supports this initiative however we do not have membership available to participate on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Sue will follow-up with Lois and ask if we can provide a written report that can be shared.

Fall Leadership Social: We currently have 2 dates on hold for our fall social. October 16<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Committee members discussed both dates. Rick will send Sue his priority date. A Save the Date to all committee members under the Parish Life Committee will be sent via the Parish Life e-mail address. Sue will be accountable for this action item.

## Next Meeting

Due to a schedule conflict, our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Clare room. There will not be a meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>. We will use our meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to finalize the agenda for the Leadership Social.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer – *Hail Mary* followed by the *Glory Be*.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles