

Parish Life Committee – 13 Jan 2016

Attendees: Sue Belcher, Janet Brimeyer, Cheryl Carlile, Steve Cochren, Sue Sprong, and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Cheryl Carlile providing the opening prayer.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Some adjustments to the alignment of existing organizations with team members occurred during December. Sue Scoles will be the liaison for Prayer Chain and Home Visit Volunteers. Rick & Janet Brimeyer will liaison with Bereavement & Care, Funeral Lunch Food Prep and Funeral Lunches.

Deacon Alan clarified that Military Caring Church is not under the Parish Life umbrella.

Theology on Tap falls under Faith Development. Rick was recently introduced to Emily Beaudry from CAYAC (Catholics of Ames Young Adult Community). This organization is comprised of members from both St. Thomas and St. Cecilia. Rick will follow-up with current CAYAC leaders to see if it makes sense for them to be included in Parish Life.

Rick has been unable to make successful contact (phone or email) with Sarah Mansell to determine if she is still interested in heading up Meals for Families with New Babies. This organization is in limbo at the current time.

Action: Cheryl check on the status of the Widowed Group.

The updated chart is included below:

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| Cheryl & Dan Carlile | Meals for Families w/New Babies? Play Group |
| Sue & Deane Belcher | St. Anne Circle St. Gertrude Circle St. Mary Circle (SCCCW) |
| Steve Cochren | Veteran's Coffee |
| Sue Sprong | Welcoming Committee Coffee & Donuts Special Events |
| Sue Scoles | Home Visit Volunteers Prayer Chain |
| Rick & Janet Brimeyer | Bereavement & Care Funeral Lunch Food Prep Funeral Luncheons |

We reviewed the documents from last Saturday's Strategic Planning meeting. Overall reaction to the plan was positive. Reaction to Parish Life Initiatives was as follows:

1. Develop a plan for an engaged parish community and family life for all demographics of our parish → Fine as is
2. Identify specific opportunities to further an environment of hospitality → Replace with "Educate ourselves about hospitality" (We like the approach that Social Justice has taken as a first step)
3. Bridge the gap with our Hispanic community → Fine as is; we should consider extending an invitation to a member of the Hispanic community to our Committee

We discussed the draft introduction which Rick created for sharing with the various leaders of the organizations under our umbrella. We decided to add a simple table of responsibilities "In Scope" and "Out of Scope" so that this is clear. We discussed various scenarios so that we are on the same page regarding where our responsibilities begin and end. **Action: Rick** make final adjustments and share the introduction with the leaders of Parish Life organizations in January.

Char requested input regarding a budget for Parish Life for the upcoming fiscal year. We agreed that, since we are primarily an advisory and guidance organization, the actual activities will still occur within the actual organizations under our umbrella. Thus Welcoming Committee will continue to have a budget. If it helps the parish for us to "roll up" the needs of all the member organizations next year, that could be within our scope. We concluded that for the upcoming fiscal year, a small amount (\$750-1000) may be prudent to budget in the event we help a new organization get started and they require some funding. **Action: Rick** share this with Char.

We took a brief first look at a visual timeline which Rick created to portray what Parish Life opportunities are currently available to parishioners during the various phases of their life. Members made several suggestions. This is still very rough, but could be a useful tool in helping us identify underserved demographics down the road.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7:00 pm at the Brimeyer house (2615 Southridge Circle).

The meeting closed with a prayer at roughly 8:00 pm.