

Parish Life Committee – 13 Oct 2016

The Parish Life Committee hosted the Parish Life Leadership Social at Oscar Romero Conf. Room. We convened at 7:05 pm.

Parish Life Attendees: Lisa Barnett, Deane Belcher, Sue Belcher, Janet Brimeyer, Cheryl Carlile, Sue Scoles, Sue Sprong, and Rick Brimeyer

Attendees from Parish Life organizations:

- Bereavement & Care Ministry – Mary Christy
- Coffee & Donuts – Mindy Stahr
- Funeral Luncheon – Diana Weber
- Meals Ministry – Sarah Mansell
- Military Caring Church Coffees – Lois Lehmkuhl
- Prayer Chain – Marge Sutter
- St. Gerard Circle – Diana Weber & Diana Schonrock
- Special Events Ministry – Tina Colburn
- Welcoming Committee – Jessica Loecke
- CAYAC – Emily Beaudry, Lydia Hardie & Alex Fitzsimmons

Objectives for the Social were:

- Help leaders of Parish Life orgs to get to know each other
- Introduce the Parish Life Committee
- Share best practices
- Promote sharing of potential activities across organizations

The first two objectives were met during formal introductions as well during informal discussions while gathering. It was exciting to hear comments such as, “I finally get to put a face with the voice.”

Lois Lehmkuhl reported that Military Caring Church Coffees is part of Military Caring Church which is a national organization and should not be under Parish Life. Janet will remove them from the Parish Life webpage.

Janet Brimeyer reviewed the Parish Life webpage. All Parish Life organizations can work directly with Janet to update their information.

We shared best practices including leadership succession planning, growing new members and working together.

We ended the meeting by having table discussions on how the various Parish Life organizations can work together. The tables shared their ideas with the larger group.

The meeting was completed at 8:30 pm. Several members continued their discussion after the meeting.