

Parish Life Committee December 4, 2019

Attendees: Sue Scoles, Janet Brimeyer, Kate Hartzler, Mary Zimmerman, Britta Heidenreich, Nancy Huntley-Kraus and Guest Angie Pohlen

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer. Introductions were shared with guest.

Minutes Approved: Minutes for November 6th were approved. Sue confirmed that minutes from the Fall Leadership Social were sent to all groups, including those unable to attend. Kate thanked Janet and Sue for timely completion and posting of minutes to the parish web site.

Pastoral Council Update: The Columbarium discussion continues. A 2nd survey is being conducted this month seeking information regarding the location at the cemetery or on St. Cecilia Parish campus. Once completed the results will be reviewed. If the project continues, work will begin on funding. The committee working on welcoming our new parish pastor continues. They have reached out to group leaders seeking input from each parish committee. A draft list of parish remodeling projects has been developed and reviewed by Pastoral Council. This list will be used going forward to prioritize projects and begin to repair/replace needs identified.

Update to Parish Life Organizational List: Special Events Ministry is no longer an active group. Janet will remove the group from our list and update the Parish Web site.

Old Business:

Parish-wide service project * (shared initiative with Social Justice Committee)

Rick was unable to attend the meeting tonight and did send committee members an email update on the "Let's Roll" project for January 2020. Rick continues to work with Mary Sue on promotion of project through the Let's Stay Connected and Sunday bulletin. A tag line has been added to the top of the parish home page. A pre-Mass announcement is also in "draft" form. Rick requested that PLC members promote the project to all member groups. Discussion was held to identify a method to verbally reach out to various leaders so this can be promoted at December meeting when possible. Committee members were reminded to hold Sunday evening 1/26/20 and/or Monday morning 1/27/20 open to volunteer with the project collection.

As a group it was determined that we would like to reach out to both St. Thomas and Sts. Peter/Paul to see if these parishes would like to be involved. Mary volunteered to reach out to Sts. Peter/Paul and Nancy volunteered to reach out to St. Thomas. Both will report back via email to Rick and all PLC members with feedback after making contact. Thanks Mary and Nancy for your willingness to assist.

Fall Leadership Social: The agenda item was tabled this evening and will be added to our January Agenda. Janet will ask Rick if he is willing to lead the discussion as we work through the list of barriers and opportunities shared to identify 1-2 initiatives for Parish Life Committee for 2020 Calendar year.

Recruitment for Parish Life Committee

At this time, we continue to seek leadership chair for PLC for 2020 Calendar year. Sue will not be available for the January meeting. Janet offered to chair the January meeting. Sue will provide Janet with a draft agenda that can be used as a working document until the meeting date. Thank You Janet. Sue will chair the February 2020 meeting.

New Business:

Special Events Committee: Since our November meeting discussion regarding the role and status of the Special Events Committee, Rick and Sue were able to confirm that the Special Events Committee is no longer an operating committee. Both leaders are actively involved in other parish organizations at this time.

Fr. Jim's Retirement Celebration: A group has been organized to begin planning Fr. Jim's retirement celebration. An initial planning meeting is scheduled for January 13th 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Oscar Romero Room. We have been asked to provide the name of a member from PLC who would be willing to assist on this group. Nancy Huntley-Kraus has volunteered. Sue Scoles will pass Nancy's name and contact information on to the group. Thanks, Nancy, for your willingness to serve.

New Priest Transition Information Request: Sue reported that she received a request from Pastoral Council for assistance in developing a document regarding the history, mission, current membership, meeting dates, and past minutes. This information will be used to introduce our new priest to Parish Life Committee. Sue stated that she will submit this information to Melissa Kaufman in the parish office next week. A group picture was taken that will be submitted with the document.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th at **6:00 pm** in Oscar Romero Room. **Note changes of time.** Sue will contact Melissa in the parish office regarding the meeting time to ensure room is unlocked accordingly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles