

# Parish Life Committee – 5 Oct. 2017

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**Attendees:** Lisa Barnett, Ron Barnett, Janet Brimeyer, Sue Scoles, Sue Sprong and Rick Brimeyer

Our meeting convened at 8:04 pm with an opening song (Gather Us In).

## **Old Business:**

### Update from Pastoral Council

Ron provided a report from the September Pastoral Council meeting. Stephen Ministry provided an update. Pastoral Council and Faith Formation reported on progress to their portions of the Strategic Plan. A committee is being formed to investigate the interest and viability for a columbarium.

### Parish Life Organizations

No changes were noted in leadership among Parish Life organizations.

### Promoting New Groups

We discussed the recent article “Starting ministries takes creativity, finding untapped niches and creating community” from the Sept. 10 edition of *The Witness*. Two specific questions were explored:

- 1) Should we be taking a more active role in starting new ministries, to the point of actually leading them until they get their feet under them? We agreed that our current strategy is appropriate. To start a new ministry without a committed leader appears to be a recipe for failure. Once an interested leader is identified it is our job to do everything we can to help them be successful.

It was suggested that another strategy for helping new leaders is to pair them with a mentor; an existing leader from a successful organization.

**Action: Rick** include inquiry for potential mentors at Parish Life Leadership Social

As an example, Neal Molitor has approached Parish Life for advice as he attempts to form an exploratory group to investigate Catholic education beyond elementary school. We shared our best practices manual and discussed various other means that we can help Neal be successful. Eventually this group would fit under Faith Formation.

- 2) Should we consider non-practicing and/or non-registered parishioners for membership in Parish Life committees? Absolutely! This is a means of evangelization.

**Action: Rick** share the article with Emily Beaudry. (DONE!)

**Action: Rick** add this idea to the Best Practices Manual. (DONE!)

### Parish Life Leadership Social

The following logistics assignments were agreed to for the Parish Life Leadership Social for Monday, Oct. 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

- Lisa: cherry bars and pumpkin bars
- Janet: monster bars & lemonade
- Sue Sprong: nametags
- Rick: Oscar Romero Room key and office supplies

We quickly reviewed the presentation for the evening.

We currently have confirmations from six organizations with 9-10 people planning to attend:

**Action: All team members** contact your respective organizations if no response has yet been received. Share results with Rick.

**Action Janet** create a “summary sheet” of Parish Life organizations for parishioners without internet access.

Ron Barnett took a photo of the current team.

### November Meeting

Our November meeting will be moved to Thurs. Nov. 9 due to a conflict.

**Action: Rick** send out a new invitation. (DONE!)

We ended the meeting with a closing song (Now We Remain) at 8:40 pm.