

Parish Life Committee October 5, 2020

Attendees: Sue Scoles, Mary Zimmerman, Kate Hartzler, Britta Heidenreich, Nancy Huntley-Kraus, Angie Pohlen, Fr. Don Czapla, Janet Brimeyer via conference call.

The meeting convened at 5:30 pm with an opening prayer and a welcome back to in-person meetings. Sue reviewed the Mission of Parish Life Committee and asked that we reflect on this as we discuss our agenda this evening. *Our mission is to nurture the groups under our umbrella to ensure that all members of St. Cecilia feel welcome and find a social as well as spiritual home within our community.*

Minutes Approved: Minute from March 4, 2020 were approved.

Pastoral Council Update: Kate stated that Pastoral Council has been meeting via Zoom since July. Facility repairs for the church roof are currently underway. The Council, with direction from Fr. Don are reviewing and redefining the role of the Stewardship Committee. Fr. Don is working with parish groups to develop a list of parishioners over the age of 70. The purpose is to reach out to these members with a personal connection for our parish. This is one strategy for keeping in touch with parishioners during the pandemic. The council is also reviewing the financial update and working on a parish-wide financial appeal scheduled for November 2020. Fr. Don is currently reviewing the history of the columbarium project. Reviewing minutes, cost and sustainability.

Update to Parish Life Organizational List: Sue noted changes to Prayer Chain leadership. It was agreed that each member would reach out to their assigned liaison group to update leadership contact information and to also ask how things are going during the pandemic. Are they meetings? If so virtual, social, in-person. What is working well? Committee members will e-mail Sue any updates after making contact with assigned groups.

Old Business:

2020 Initiative for Parish Life Committee:

Sue gave a quick review of 2020 initiatives. In January, we completed the parish-wide service project with the Social Justice Committee. Over 2,500 items were collected and distributed during the "Let's Roll" campaign. Our highest impact strategy identified from the Fall Leadership Social (October 23, 2019) was to implement Name Tag Sundays. Based on today's committee discussion this strategy will be put on hold due to Mass restrictions during the pandemic. As a committee we were able to meet our initiative of serving Coffee and Donuts in March 2020. Currently Coffee and Donuts are suspended due to pandemic restrictions.

New Business:

Opportunities and Initiatives for the remainder of 2020: Our Fall Leadership Social is scheduled for later this month. This large group meeting would not fall within the current parish guidelines for in-person meetings. The committee agreed that it will be cancelled for Fall 2020. Father Don shared that when we can regroup as a parish and hold larger group gathering, he would like to see focus on social event,

embracing our parish community and families. Focus on fun, togetherness and welcoming people back to the church. A re-gathering of our parish.

PLC Future Meetings for 2020: It was agreed that we do not have any current actionable items directly related to the mission of the committee for the remainder of 2020. No in-person meetings will be held. E-mail communication should continue for issues/topics that the committee would like to share. Sue will reach out to committee members mid-January with updates and future planning.

The meeting ended at 6:23 with a closing prayer – *Hail Mary* followed by the *Glory Be*.
Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles, Chair