

Parish Life Committee – 7 June 2017

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

Our meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening song (Prayer of St. Francis).

Old Business:

Update from Pastoral Council

Ron provided a report from the May Pastoral Council meeting. With newly elected members Reno Berg, Kate Hartzler and Matt Thatcher the Pastoral Council will be at full strength. Main topics of discussion were a potential columbarium and the worship space remodel.

Parish Life Organizations

Several changes were noted in leadership among Parish Life organizations:

- Gale Kearney (Co-Chair) and Janet Brimeyer (Treasurer) have joined the leadership team of St. Mary Circle
- Elizabeth Koziel has replaced Diana Weber on Funeral Luncheons
- St. Cecilia Play Group appears to be going by the name of Saints Summer Play Group again; perhaps this is a seasonal name

We commented that the frequent leadership changes among Parish Life organizations is a positive thing and indicate that one of our Best Practices is being heeded.

Action: Janet update the Parish Life webpage to reflect the above changes.

Per last month's discussion the website was updated to reflect current Pastoral Council membership.

Best Practices Manual/Promoting New Groups

The draft of the bulletin announcement introducing Parish Life and encouraging parishioners to contact us if they are interested in starting a new group was approved. Rick has subsequently shared this with Char for an upcoming bulletin.

Erv Rollins inquired about the existence of a Couple's Dinner Group.

Action: Rick email Erv regarding the Parish Life Committee as a resource to help this become a reality if someone is willing to step forward as a leader.

Action: Sue Scoles investigate and discuss prayer requests with Melissa Bortle (from April meeting).

Parish Life Leadership Succession Planning

Thanks to Sue Scoles for agreeing to take over leadership of the Parish Life Committee. Rick and Sue will plan to transition leadership to Sue following the October Parish Life Leadership Social.

Parish Life Leadership Social

We will use much the same format as last year's successful meeting with some tweaks based on feedback.

- Mid-October Thursday meeting
- Oscar Romero Conf. Room
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm (allows more time for small group discussions per feedback)
- Simple refreshments
- Roughly same Agenda
- Encourage groups to bring more than one leader

Action: Sue Sprong schedule the Oscar Romero Room for the evening of Thurs. Oct. 12.

Action: Rick create the draft presentation for the evening.

Action: Janet create a "summary sheet" of Parish Life organizations for parishioners without internet access.

Miscellaneous

We will likely have a short social for our July meeting on Wed. July 5.

Sue Sprong reported that the parish picnic sponsored by the Welcoming Committee had 190 attendees and went very well.

We ended the meeting with a closing song (Spirit and Grace) at 7:40 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. Aug. 2 at 7:00 pm at 2615 Southridge Circle.