

# Parish Life Committee–June 5, 2019

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**Attendees:** Janet Brimeyer, Sue Scoles, Rick Brimeyer, Nancy Huntley-Kraus

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer.

**Minutes Approved:** Minutes for June 5<sup>th</sup> were approved with revisions.

**Pastoral Council Update:** Kate was unable to attend the meeting; she did email a report. Sue read the report as follows. The roof is being replaced on the rectory. There was discussion about facilities/columbarium and a smaller facilities group is going to move forward on this. The council also reviewed minutes from 2015 and a survey taken by the parish. Security enhancements are going to begin once school is out for the summer. Plan is for security project completion by fall 2019.

**Update to Parish Life Organizational List:** No changes.

## **Old Business:**

### Recruitment for Parish Life Committee

Sue shared that Lisa Barnett has resigned from the committee. Lisa has been a strong committee member and will be missed. A note of appreciation will be sent to Lisa. Recruitment for open position on Parish Life Committee continues. Kate forwarded parish election results to our committee members. From this information we reviewed bios of those members not elected this term. As a committee we identified (3) individuals who could be a good fit for Parish Life Committee. Sue, Rick and Janet were assigned individuals whom they will reach out to with an invitation to join and/or attend our August meeting. Any other individuals whom committee members identify as potential members will also be invited to join our August meeting. A bulletin announcement will be made this summer. Sue will submit this request to Mary Sue in the Parish Office, using our best practice toolkit.

### 2019/2012 PLC Strategic Initiatives

1. *Develop communication methods to tell the story of Parish Life Committee.* Reminder that we intend for PLC to host a table at the Ministry Fair (Scheduled for Sept 7-8) and that we promote this event to Liaison Groups within PLC. Rick has drafted a Save The Date email that can be used. Additionally Stewardship Committee has sent an email to all Committee Chairs with the Save the Date information. Sue will pass this information on to all committee chairs under the PLC umbrella so it can be added to their summer meetings. PLC chairs will be copied on the email.

A second initiative to develop communication methods was to review the Parish Life and affiliate group information on our parish web site. Janet presented a walk through of the various groups and history to how the data was collected. Each member will review their liaison groups and reach out to that group with any recommendations for clarifications. Group leaders can then submit revisions to Janet or the liaison. Sue will review groups without an assigned liaison at this time.

2. *Organize a parish-wide service project \* (shared initiative with Social Justice Committee)*  
Rick attended the Social Justice Committee Meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He emailed a report to PLC members that week. That group discussed aspects of good projects; potential for participation, visible, and meaningful work. The group also reviewed ideas that fit these aspects. The list included; helping jump-

start Martha's House of Hope, Craft supply drive for Friendship Ark, Boy and Girls Club, Food drive to address food insecure children during the summer, Food baskets for needy at Thanksgiving, Underwear drive for Day for Girls, An idea of giving similar to the Christmas Giving Tree Drive with items from a particular non-profit in the community. Rick asked to continue as a liaison with the Social Justice Committee.

AMOS Drive – Sue shared a thank you from Donna Vonderhaar with the AMOS group thanking the members Parish Life Committee for their donation of food and time during the event held on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Janet for sharing the AMOS request with our group.

### **New Business:**

Pentecost Sunday - Adriana Bernhard contacted Parish Life Committee to discuss an idea to add to the Pentecost Parish Celebration. The idea is to include international displays of Catholicism in the Narthex after weekend Masses. Additionally, encouraging individuals to wear cultural/traditional garments or at least red or white to show the spirit of Pentecost during the weekend Masses. This is an excellent idea as we celebrate the Church next weekend. Adriana had a trifold present at our meeting and committee members were able to see it prior to the weekend celebration.

Parish Email Address: [Parishlife@stceciliaparish.org](mailto:Parishlife@stceciliaparish.org) is operational. The Save the Date discussed earlier will be sent from this domain.

Cheryl McCarthy, Book "May Hands Make Light Work" Request: Sue shared that an email was received from Cheryl. She is an Ames native and author who's written a book about growing up in a big Catholic family in Ames back in the 60's and 70's. She is asking for guidance in arranging speaking engagements within St. Cecilia's that she could contact to arrange presentations in November. After discussion, the group agreed that Circle Groups and Christmas Market may be suitable groups. Sue will contact Fr. Secora to discuss further and prior to sharing Cheryl's information and contact with group leaders.

Stewardship Committee Request: The Stewardship Committee is working on a 2019 Initiative to build connections with other committees. They have requested to attend our August meeting to share a vision of their focus and learn about our needs. Mary Staniger or a representative from the committee will attend our August meeting.

### Next Meeting

There will be no July 2019 meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Clare room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles