

Parish Life Committee March 4, 2020

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

The meeting convened at 6:15 pm with an opening prayer.

Minutes Approved: Minutes for February 5th were approved.

Pastoral Council Update: The parish remodeling project continues to be reviewed by Pastoral Council. The Facilities Group is obtaining photos to help demonstrate need and to assist in priority setting. The Columbarium team held a recent meeting to update interested parishioners. Location within the St. Cecilia Campus is being determined. The design group is working with St. Thomas Parish for input. Pastoral Council will be encouraging parish groups to align 2020 initiatives with those of 2019 until new goals and initiatives are developed.

Update to Parish Life Organizational List: No changes.

Old Business:

2020 Initiative for Parish Life Committee:

Rick lead the discussion regarding goal setting for our committee for 2020. Looking at the list of issues from the Fall Leadership Social (October 23,2019) the priority areas included; Parish-Wide Social Events, Name Tag Sundays, Coffee and Donuts w/monthly spotlight, Enhance Time and Talent Survey, Increase childcare for events and Hispanic Parishioner involvement/activities. Discussion was held and the committee felt the highest impact idea for 2020 was to implement Name Tag Sundays. This could be coordinated with the Welcoming Committee. Opportunities for timely implementation included; prior to council nomination weekends, arrival of new priest weekend. Rick volunteered to discuss this strategy with Fr. Jim and report back at our April meeting.

New Business:

Fr. Jim's Retirement Celebration: Nancy reported on the planning Fr. Jim's celebrations. Dates for the upcoming celebrations; May 30-31: Fr. Jim's 45th Ordination Celebration, July 11-12: Fr. Jim's Retirement All Parish Picnic on Saturday night followed by Coffee/Donut Celebrations on Sunday. There will be a welcome celebration for our new pastor July 18-19. Nancy will continue to report and identify any needs from the committee.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 1st at **6:15 pm** in Oscar Romero Room. Rick will chair this meeting.

The May meeting was discussed. Sue is not available on our regular meeting date. Options include; change meeting to Monday May 4th at 6:15 p.m., keep the meeting on May 6th with a volunteer chair, cancel the May meeting if agenda can be postponed to June. A decision will be made at the conclusion of the April 1st meeting.

Sue thanked Angie and Mary for serving Coffee and Donuts on Sunday March 1st. 90 parishioners were served.

The meeting ended at 7:00 with a closing prayer – *Hail Mary* followed by the *Glory Be*.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles, Chair

