

Parish Life Committee November 6, 2019

Attendees: Sue Scoles, Rick Brimeyer, Janet Brimeyer, Kate Hartzler, Mary Zimmerman

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with an opening prayer. Mary Zimmerman has agreed to be a member of our committee. Welcome Mary.

Minutes Approved: Minutes for September 18th were approved. Minutes from the Parish Life Leadership Social October 23rd were approved. Janet will update the minutes to Parish Website. Sue will send the minutes from the Leadership Social to all groups under the umbrella, including those unable to attend.

Pastoral Council Update: The Columbarium Committee has been working with the facilities committee for ongoing planning and discussion. No final decisions have been made to date. There is a committee working on onboarding and welcoming our new parish pastor upon Fr. Jim's retirement in July 2020.

Update to Parish Life Organizational List: Sue distributed a copy of the changes that were recognized during the Fall Leadership Social. Final revisions will be made and a copy available to committee members at our December meeting.

Old Business:

Recruitment for Parish Life Committee

Recruitment for open positions on Parish Life Committee continues. Rick and Janet reached out to individuals this past month and reported back on the process. Janet is meeting with a potential new member to discuss role within the committee. If interested Janet will invite her to the next meeting. Rick announced he will be committing his time to the Stephen's Ministry starting next month. He is uncertain about his ability to continue with Parish Life Committee. Sue will step down as committee chair in 2020 and will stay on as a member of the committee. The group agreed 1-2 additional new members would be ideal for this committee.

Parish-wide service project * (shared initiative with Social Justice Committee)

Rick provided an update on the "personal paper products" collection scheduled for January 2020. The group did a brief brainstorm for "catchy" names and marketing ideas. Please continue to think of names/titles and e-mail them to Rick within the next week. Rick is working on a bulletin announcements and information for "Let's Stay Connected" to promote the event. He would like to develop **Reasons to Donate** that will encourage participation. Again, please e-mail Rick with ideas. Committee members are asked to hold Sunday evening 1/26/20 and/or Monday morning 1/27/20 open to volunteer with the project collection. Sue shared the concern presented at the Fall Leadership Social that we be aware of the limited storage some of the beneficiary organizations may have and that we reach out prior to collecting and distributing. Rick was knowledgeable of this issue and shared ideas for how the products would be distributed based on need and space available. More information forthcoming at our December meeting for actual volunteer times and service needed. Thanks, Rick, for your leadership with this project.

New Business:

Special Events Committee: Tina Colburn has shared that this group has not been contacted for a project or event in the past few years and is wondering about the need to continue as a parish group. After discussion, the Parish Life Committee felt more time to review actual parish needs for "social events", Fr. Jim's retirement event, Fr.

Jim's 45th ordination anniversary and the welcome reception for the new priest. The next year appears to have opportunity to call on our Special Events Committee for support. Rick will share our discussion with Tina.

Fall Leadership Social: Mary, Kate and Sue gave a 10 minute 're-cap' of the Fall Leadership Social to Rick and Janet who were unable to attend that evening. We reviewed the +/- Delta, group discussion and the table top activity. The December meeting will include a group review of the opportunities for increasing membership and engagement within groups.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. Oscar Romero Room. Janet thanked those present for the time adjustment this evening to help accommodate another event.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Scoles