

Parish Life Leaders' Social – 23 Oct. 2017

The Parish Life Committee hosted the 2nd Annual Leaders' Social on the evening of Mon., Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm in the Oscar Romero Room. Attendees were:

Individuals	Organization(s)
Emily Beaudry, Jenny Lohse, Hillary Holms & Mark Williamson	CAYAC
Dixie Lickteig	Funeral Luncheon Food Prep & St. Anne Circle
Paula Wiebel	Bereavement & Care Ministry & St. Mary Circle
Gale Kearney	St. Mary Circle
Mindy Stahr	Coffee & Donuts
Sarah Mansell	Meals Ministry
Cathy Cook	Funeral Luncheon
Diana Weber	St. Gerard Circle
Rebecca Finch	Play Group
Sue Scoles, Lisa Barnett, Sue Sprong, Janet Brimeyer & Rick Brimeyer	Parish Life Committee

The following Objectives for the evening were shared:

- Help leaders of Parish Life orgs to get to know each other
- Introduce the Parish Life Committee
- Share best practices
- Promote synergy across groups

Attendees introduced themselves and shared their organization's mission, biggest accomplishment from the past year and current challenge. Two recurring themes were continuing to recruit new members and promoting new leaders to step forward.

The Parish Life Committee shared the Parish Life Map. It was suggested to change Meals Ministry to reflect participation by both men and women (Done).

Janet Brimeyer provided an overview of the Parish Life Committee's webpage.

The Best Practices manual was introduced. A copy resides on the Parish Life Committee's webpage.

We split into two groups for discussions on how we can best support each other. A summary of the topics is discussed below:

Idea or Action	Person(s) Responsible
Follow-up with Stewardship Committee to understand future plans for Time & Talent Survey and Ministry Fair	Parish Life Committee
Solicit event ideas from members; delegate responsibility to those passionate about the topic as a means of developing more leaders	All organizations
Investigate potential of "Bulletin Spotlight" insert for various Parish Life organizations as a recruitment tool	Parish Life Committee
Update Best Practices Manual to discourage use of "Reply All" emails	Parish Life Committee (DONE!)
Consider including an insert in the New Parishioner Packet as a means of introducing your organization	All organizations
Network with other organizations (e.g., provide an overview at Circle meetings)	All organizations
Consider navigating the Parish Life Committee's webpage at a meeting to introduce members to it	All organizations
Encourage RSVP for food events; consider potlucks or other flexible food strategies	CAYAC
Consider a brief announcement prior to Mass about your organization	All organizations
Consider free email marketing service such as MailChimp if your organization is large (see CAYAC for details)	All organizations
Be persistent; ASK others to join and help lead	All organizations
Thank leaders	All organizations
Encourage Parish/School Office to integrate calendars	Parish Life Committee

We finished with a Plus/Delta of the meeting (listed below). We agreed to meet again next fall.

Plus	Delta
Meeting other leaders	Not all organizations were represented (encourage delegates or at least notes next year)
Food was good	Need directions for Oscar Romero Room
Intros and brainstorming valuable	
Good agenda	

We adjourned at 8:30 pm.