

Church of St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council

March 7, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Lynda True, Bernie Dutke, Angie Neumann, Roberta Grady, Ryan Kracht, Lisa Gonzalez, Fr. Hughes, Matt Lasure
Guests: Jennifer Mak, Gene Karels

Lynda offered a prayer to open the meeting at 6:31 pm.

Minutes from February 22 meeting were approved, with correction of one typo.

Hospitality Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2

- 5:00 Sat Sylvia Ryan
- 7:30 Sun Ryan Kracht
- 9:00 Sun Matt Lasure
- 11:00 Sun Lynda True

Jennifer Mak gave a report summarizing the parish ministries that she manages or that report to her. We are looking at hosting the next diocesan mass for the sick next year. We are looking at expanding the blood pressure check done during Hospitality weekends. She is also exploring setting up some kind of ministry for sending Get Well cards to the sick, congrats to new parents, those who have reached the first anniversary of the death of a loved one, etc. We are considering formalizing our membership in the area's Grief Support Coalition. It was noted that we need to make sure any information (i.e. Contacts, resources, budgets) on inactive ministries is archived for potential future access.

Matt Lasure gave us an update on his meetings with Dan Brewer on the New Parishioner welcome. They talked about training and screening parish "ambassadors" who would call all new parishioners and meet with them within 30 days. We would try to match the demographics of the new parishioner, e.g. a married couple with kids would greet a similar new family. The ambassadors would be given some training on the ministries and programs available at the parish. They would also like to see more census data collected in the new member enrollment: list family members, ages, birthdays so that we could send them birthday cards.

Ryan said we had discussed something similar, except it would be geography based, with a captain family for each neighborhood. They would set up some periodic events for parishioners who live close to one another to get to know each other. People who were recruited to work the Generations of Faith campaign might be a good pool to pull from.

Currently, we are adding about 18-20 families a month. There are approximately 1900 families in the parish. We would need about 40-50 ambassadors to start with.

We can pick up a map of our neighborhood and a list of names for our neighborhoods from Jeri. Matt and Dan will get some ambassadors set up and try a few meetings and see how it goes.

Lisa commented that the All in God's Plan meeting in February (level 2) was a great success! The speakers were awesome and it was a beautiful afternoon.

We adjourned at 8:14. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm.