



MEETING DETAILS

Description: Family and Community Life Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Social Hall

Chair: Steve Chojnacki

Members

- **Present:** Norma King, Emily Hayden, Renee Fogerty, Mickey Custodio (PPC Liaison), Wendy Ashbridge (Staff), Lisa Okoneski (Staff), Michaela Willer (guest), Steve Chojnacki (Chair)
 - **Absent:** Lona Wacker, Bernadette Vitullo, Deb Mason, Teresa Klippen, Ted Garding
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Agenda Item 1... Ministry Updates

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Discuss current state of ministries and address any needs or concerns

- **Stewardship Initiative:**
Looked at Family and Community Life Response to Stewardship (196 people responded they are currently involved in FCL ministry, 106 people indicated interest, 79 people were new signups)
- **Wit and Wisdom**
Have taken much more ownership in planning events and are rotating leadership of regular meetings to increase involvement and interest
- **New Parishioner Welcoming**
Met back in November and generated Google Doc to track which parishioners have been contacted, when, and how

ACTION: Group will meet in the next month or two to move forward with new list of parishioners and plan next steps including some form of social gathering for new parishioners

- **Young Adults Group**
Group is coming up on 1-year anniversary with about 15 committed members and 9-13 members attending monthly get-togethers
- **Staff Retreat**
Mickey Custodio helping facilitate a retreat for SJN staff (Thursdays, Jan 10,

17, 25; 12:30-3:30); parish leadership was invited as well

- **Marriage in Christ**

Emily Hayden spoke to the group about the Marriage in Christ 5-week seminar developed by parishioners Bill and Adella Wacker; in its 8th consecutive year with 5-12 couples attending; currently in 25 parishes; recently partnered with Archdiocese for 2 years to target young couples and develop strong habits of prayer, meaningful conversation, and acts of kindness; next one starts on January 31

Agenda Item 2...Future Goals/Objectives

Long Range Plan Focus Area: Parishioner Involvement, Communication

Short Term / Current Year Goal/Objective(s): Brainstorm and/or plan upcoming initiatives

- **Communication**

FCL newsletter in development to provide information about upcoming events and to promote communication between ministries and committees

ACTION: Steve and Michaela will meet to discuss moving forward and possible use of Canva as design software

ACTION: Steve will find collaborator to help with design and determine content, distribution, etc.

- **Donut Sunday**

Discussion occurring from several committees about ways Donut Sunday can be helpful in Stewardship initiative (increasing volunteerism, providing visibility to ministries through sponsorship of a weekend, etc.); while Signup Genius is in place for those interested in helping serve donuts, parishioners are welcome to show up and help out on the spot; suggested that youth, specifically confirmands, could serve the parish in this capacity

ACTION: Steve will: 1. continue to work with Joe Keating on how this might evolve and how to get youth involved; 2. plan to have FCL Committee sponsor a weekend; 3. Invite one or two groups/ministries to sponsor a Sunday

- **Thank You Event**

Discussed possible thank you event for FCL ministry leads; idea was tabled as it sounded like PPC might be discussing a more far-reaching event to include all committees



Agenda Item 3... Upcoming Volunteer Needs

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- Volunteers are invited to help with upcoming Cana Dinner (Feb. 16), Wit and Wisdom Dinner (Mar. 14), Family Life Event (Mar. 9); please contact Lisa Okoneski or Wendy Ashbridge

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th