

fMEETING DETAILS

Description: Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Minutes (approved)

Date: November 2, 2017

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Location: Joint meeting with Parish Council – Social Hall and room 7

Chair: Lori Hannasch and Anne Rosario

Members

- **Present:** Betty Claridge, Lori Hannasch, Terry Jurek, Robert Peterson (Parish Liaison), Anne Rosario
 - **Absent:** Lou Lou Larson-Fine, Evelyn Heselton, Cindy Sobczak
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OPENING ACTIVITIES

- **Opening Prayer:** Lori Hannasch
- **Review/Approve previous minutes:** Approved minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting and set to Theresa Kraus for posting to the website.
- **Overall Committee Mission/Purpose:** We seek to provide comfort, support and information to all those experiencing loss, grief, illness and life's transitions.

Agenda Items:

Topics

1. **New business:** Lori Hannasch
Pastoral Care Committee was in need of a chairperson. Anne Rosario has agreed to be the new chairperson for our committee. Thank you Anne! Anne and Lori co-chaired tonight's meeting.
2. **Parish Pastoral Council Update:** Robert Peterson
 - A letter was received from a parish couple requesting the parish consider building a columbarium on the property. The council will be reviewing the funding as well as government requirements for such a structure. Bob will update PCC at our next meeting.
 - A complaint was received from a parishioner that the parish is not being responsive to the needs of the Eucharistic Ministers and lay people. The council asked for clarification of the issues before discussing further.
 - Summary of 40th celebration: projected amount \$28,000.00; actual \$30,000.00
3. **The Committee Reporting Tool** is due by mid-December. 2016-17 annual committee report summary was reviewed. Those present agreed to continue with previous goals #1 and #2 for the 2017-18 year.

Committee Goal #1:

Identify and communicate with parishioners in need of Pastoral Care services.

Ideas discussed:

- have increased knowledge on who and where our homebound parishioners are and how to serve them
- inform the parish through various communications tools what services Stephens Ministry has to offer

• **Committee Goal #2:**

Recruit and train Pastoral Care volunteers.

Ideas discussed:

- Ministries under Pastoral Care that are in need of volunteers are: Funeral workers, Communion to the Homebound EMs, Parish Health, and Stephens ministers.
- Advertise for more volunteers

4. Discussion of a new ministry: Optimism, Gratitude, and Happiness

Anne proposed this new ministry based in Catholic faith with concepts such as trusting in the higher power, walking in faith, being happy, expressing gratitude, smiling, self appreciation, paying it forward. Structure could include monthly meetings with group sharing and guided questions, monthly themes, take home activities, quarterly presentations, book and/or movie reviews. Anne has prior experience on this topic. Anne will send a proposal to Lori for discussion with Fr. Ebert. If approved as formal proposal with financials would be compiled and submitted.

MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES - submitted in written format due to time constraints

Parish Health Ministry: Terry Jurek

Summary for September-October 2017

- Family Caregiver Support Programs:
 - Core team of 3 nurses and social worker continue to meet monthly and the program is advertised in the bulletin.
 - "Caregiver Coffee" on Saturday September 23 from 8:45-10am was poorly attended and will be placed on hold for now.
 - Caregiver Education series: Holiday Planning and Memory Loss on Saturday September 16th had low attendance. The next session on Saturday November 18th will be Stand Up Event, a presentation by a Physical Therapist teaching proper techniques for moving/transferring a loved one without injuring yourself.
 - Caregiver Support Group at Eagan Pointe continues to meet monthly with a core group of 3-5 attendees.
- MN Services for the Blind (Aging Eyes program) was listed in the bulletin and resulted in 1 new client. The announcement was requested to be in the bulletin the 3rd weekend of every month, but was not in the October bulletin.
- BP Weekends: September BP was total was 36 screenings with the 10 am being the busiest mass. October total was 21 screenings with the 8 am being the busiest.



- A new yearly presentation on Sacrament of the Sick, Pre-Funeral Planning and Legacy fund will be offered on Saturday November 4th from 3:00-4:45 pm

Prayer Shawl: Cindy Sobczak

- The group continues to meet twice a month.
- Report for September – October
 - Members created 27 Prayer Shawls
 - A total of 49 Prayer Shawls were donated to: SJN parishioners, Ronald McDonald House, Blessed Katari, Stephen Minister members for distribution, Open Door Food Shelf, and North Memorial Hospital Chaplin.
 - An article was inserted in the bulletin explaining the ministry. This resulted in one new member and a donation of yarn.

Communion to the Homebound: Lori Hannasch

- This is an active group distributing communion on a scheduled basis.
- No update at this time.

Care Center Ministry: Lori Hannasch

- Commons on Marice: Mass 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Communion 2 times per month. Rosary once per month.
- Eagan Pointe: Mass on 1st Wednesday. Communion on 2nd Wednesday.
- Brookdale Memory Care: Communion every Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Rosary once per month
- SJN is doing anointing at the Commons on November 22nd after Mass.

Prayer Line: Lori Hannasch

- Prayers are requested on line and reviewed to conform to privacy policy.
- No update at this time.

Funeral Ministry: Lori Hannasch

- Lou Lou met with both Doug and Linda regarding funeral music.
- Mass of Remembrance is coming up Saturday, November 4th at the 5:00pm Mass. We have had 27 deaths here at SJN in the last 12 months including 6 since our September PCC meeting.

Stephen Ministry: Lori Hannasch

- Anne Rosario will be attending training to lead the ministry. Sheri Stella will continue to lead the ministry until Anne's training is completed.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Depression Support Coalition: Lori Hannasch

- This is a group of south suburban churches who gather together to support, educate, and offer hope to those who struggle with depression. Evening meetings include guest speakers and facilitated, small group discussions.



- These monthly meetings have been very well received. There are two sessions left in the fall series. SJN is hosting this series. March 5-26, 2018 will be the next series. It will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Savage. The coalition is trying weekly meetings rather than monthly meetings for this series.

Growing Through Loss Coalition: Lori Hannasch

- This is an interdenominational coalition of south suburban churches that offers free support for adults experiencing loss, grief, transition, or relationship and health challenges. Evening meetings include speakers and facilitated, small group discussions.
- The fall series ended October 9th. The spring series will be April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 & 8 at St. James Lutheran Church, Burnsville.

AA/Al-Anon

- AA meets on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:00 pm
- Al-Anon is a support group for the families and friends of alcoholics. The chapter meets Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm and Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am.
- No update at this time.

ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION

SALT Coalition: Lori Hannasch

- The fall 2017 series ended October 9th. The Spring 2018 Series will be held Monday April 23 & 30 and May 7 & 14 at Risen Savior Catholic Church, Burnsville.

CROSS-COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND UPDATES

- Ministry Fair Update: Pastoral Care met with Justice and Charity to discuss doing a joint ministry fair tentatively on Sunday, February 11, 2018. The social hall would be set up during the Sunday am masses in conjunction with Donut Sunday. Ideas were brought up to have an information tables in the Gathering Space on for the evening masses. The 2 committees will meet again on the evening of the next meeting night, 1/4/18.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 15 AT 6:30 pm IN ROOM 13

- Complete the SJN Objectives and Plan for Reporting for Pastoral Committee Goals 1 and 2.
- Discussion of ministry fair with Justice and Charity committee in preparation for joint meeting on 1/4/18.

January 4, 2018

- Update on formation of Optimism, Gratitude, and Happiness ministry

Next Meeting:

- The next Joint Council/Committee meeting is January 4, 2018 at 6:00pm beginning with a light supper, followed by the message from the pastor at 6:30 pm and the committee meetings will begin at 6:45pm.