ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MEETING DETAILS

Description: Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Minutes (approved)
Date: September 10, 2019
Time: 7:30-9:00 pm
Location: Joint meeting with Parish Council – Social Hall
Chair: Fran Laufle

Members

- **Present:** Lori Hannasch (Parish Staff), Cindy Meirink, Patricia Ogbeide-Ihama (Parish Council Liaison), Mary Hoffman (Parish Council).
- **Recorder:** Cindy Sobczak
- **Absent:** Terry Jurek, Betty Claridge

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Opening Prayer:

Review/Approve previous minutes: Approved minutes were distributed by email prior to the meeting and sent 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.

Committee Goal #1:

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

Committee Goal #2:

Recruit and train Pastoral Care volunteers.

Agenda Items:

Parish Pastoral Council Update:

- The focus was on stewardship
- Financial health of the parish is good
- SJN Archdiocesan Deanery representative is Robert Peterson

Old Business:

- Summer Sizzle:
  - Financials are not finalized yet
  - Next year the event will be held on the second weekend of August.
- The procedure for the General Intercessions during Weekend Liturgies has been finalized and will be sent to the Parish Council for approval.

New Business:

- A Pastoral Care Ministry Fair will be held on October 12 and 13. Volunteers needed.
- Seniors in the Know/CourAgeous Women is scheduled to begin January 2020.
- The new Stewardship Pillars directive was discussed. The goals were established:
  - Hospitality: Recognize and enrich Pastoral Care volunteers.
  - Formation: Empower Pastoral Care volunteers to be Christ to those they serve.
  - Prayer: Encourage communal and/or personal prayer.
  - Service: Identify and communicate with parishioners in need of Pastoral Care Services.

MINISTRY DISCUSSION & UPDATES - submitted in written format

Parish Health Ministry: Terry Jurek

Parish Health Ministry Summary for May-June 2019

- Family Caregiver Support Programs:
  - Has 1 active client that continues to receive 1:1 visits or phone calls. The Core Team will cease to meet quarterly until there are more clients.
  - Caregiver Support Group at Eagan Pointe may take a summer hiatus until fall and is in early discussion of starting an evening education/support group for caregivers who do not reside at the facility.

- Seniors In The Know/Caregiver Education remains active with good attendance for each offering.
  - May 18 DARTS presentation on Understanding Dementia had 30 attendees. The presenter was Linda Walker and evaluations were very positive. The time of these presentations was changed to Saturday from10-11:30 am and has noted increased attendance.
  - The next presentation on Falls Prevention and Balance will be on August 17th from 10-11:30 am in Social Hall A. The presenter will be Gina Pitera, OTR.

- MN Services for the Blind (Aging Eyes program) has had no new clients for several months, even though the program is listed monthly in the bulletin on the 3rd weekend of every month and is a free service that offers assistive devices to those with low vision.

- BP Weekends: May BP total was 20 screenings with 5p and 10a the busiest. June BP total was 32 screenings with 8a and 12n the busiest.

- Health Education Sessions: A 2-part series on Hospice/Palliative Care and Living Well/Health Aging/Aging in Place. Had only 6 attendees in May for both sessions. Future discussion of changing the day/time is planned to look at more "senior friendly" options.

- Planning is underway once again for Parish Health Ministry to provide both first aid service and BP screenings during the Summer Sizzle August 3-4.

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Parish Health Ministry Summary for July-August 2019

- Family Caregiver Support Programs:
  - One new client was entered into the program and there is 1 active client whom continues to receive 1:1 visits or phone calls.
  - Caregiver Support Group at Eagan Pointe is on summer hiatus until fall and is in early discussion of starting an evening education/support group for caregivers who do not reside at the facility.

- Seniors In The Know/Caregiver Education remains active with good attendance for each offering.
  - The August 17th presentation on Falls Prevention and Balance was a huge success and had 41 attendees. The presenter was Gina Pitera, OTR.
  - The next session is Planning Ahead: Financial and Legal Issues for Seniors conducted by attorney Mary Frances Price. As the topic is large and detailed, the presentation will be divided into 2 sessions on November 16th and 23rd to allow for adequate coverage and questions.

- MN Services for the Blind (Aging Eyes program) has had no new clients for several months, even though the program is listed monthly in the bulletin on the 3rd weekend of every month and is a free service that offers assistive devices to those with low vision.

- BP Weekends: July BP total was 43 screenings with 10a and 12n the busiest. August BP screening was done during the Summer Sizzle both days. Saturday evening had 18 screenings and Sunday had 32 for a total of 50. In comparison, 2018 Summer Sizzle had 44 total BP screenings.

- Health Education Sessions: No formal educational sessions during the summer. Our 2 fall presentations will be: Annual Medicare Update on Saturday September 21, and Being Prepared: Sacrament of the Sick, SJN Legacy Fund, and Pre-funeral Planning on Saturday October 19.

- First aid treatment during the Summer Sizzle August 3-4 totaled 2: A bump/minor cut on the head and a lower leg abrasion. Both minors accompanied by a parent.

- CourAGEous Women - a new program within PHM is projected to start in January 2020. The focus is to support women 55 and over. The group will meet monthly in the evening.

Stewardship Focus: Formation - Hospitality - Service

Prayer Shawl: Cindy Sobczak

- The group meets regularly on the first Wednesday morning from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
- Donations for May – August:
  Parishioners in need of comfort.
  Facilities: VA Medical Center and Chapel, Bundles of Love, Little Sisters of the Poor, Our Lady of Peace, Commons Senior Living, Eagan Point Senior Living, Grief to Grace, and Open Door Food Shelf.
- A total donated for the last fiscal year (July 2018 – June 2019) was 273 prayer shawls.
- **Stewardship focus: Formation - Hospitality - Service**

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Communion to the Homebound: Lori Hannasch

- This is an active group distributing communion on a scheduled basis.
- Lay presiders/Communion ministers to the homebound.
- 38 current Communion ministers to the homebound
- **Stewardship focus: Formation - Hospitality - Service**

Care Center Ministry: Lori Hannasch

- **Brookdale Memory Care**
  1365 Crestridge Lane
  Eagan MN 55123

  Communion Service is every Sunday following the SJN 10:00 am Mass (starting at Brookdale around 11-11:15 am).
  Rosary is every Tuesday at 4 pm in the Dining Room.

- **The Commons on Marice**
  1380 Marice Drive
  Eagan MN 55121

  Services are held at 10 am on Wednesdays:
  1st Wednesday - Communion Service
  2nd Wednesday - Mass
  3rd Wednesday – Communion Service
  4th Wednesday - Mass

- **Eagan Pointe Senior Living**
  4232 Black Hawk Road
  Eagan MN 55122

  Services are held at 10 am on Wednesdays:
  1st Wednesday - Mass (SJN)
  2nd Wednesday – Communion Service (SJN)
  3rd Wednesday – Mass (MMOTC)
  4th Wednesday – Communion Service (MMOTC)
  5th Wednesday – Rosary (MMOTC)
- **Stewardship focus: Formation - Hospitality - Service**

Prayer Line: Lori Hannasch

- Prayers continue to come in via the website prayer line, email and phone.
- 45 volunteers on the prayer line.
- Prayer requests go out almost daily.
- **Stewardship focus: Prayer**

Funeral Ministry: Lori Hannasch

- We had a total of 34 funerals since the last Mass of Remembrance.
- Mass of Remembrance for 2019 will be on Saturday, November 2nd at 5:00 pm Mass.
- **Stewardship focus: Formation - Hospitality - Service**

Befriender Ministry: Lori Hannasch

- Responsible for being a listening presence for those facing challenging situations in everyday life.
- We have 14 Befriender Ministers
- The National leaders' training was at SJN in August for 11 people including Theresa Burdick and Cindy Merirink of SJN.
- **Stewardship focus: Formation – Hospitality - Service**

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.
- The Fall Series will be held on Thursdays September 19, October 10, November 14 and December 12 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Richfield.
- There are 11 churches in the coalition.
- **Stewardship focus: Formation – Hospitality - Service**

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 2019 Series will be held on Tuesdays, September 10 to October 8 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights.
- There are 16 churches in the south metro coalition.
- St. John Neumann will be the host in Fall 2020.
- **Stewardship focus: Formation – Hospitality - Service**

AA/Al-Anon

- AA meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:15 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.

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ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION

SALT Coalition: Lori Hannasch

- SALT (Seniors Learning Together) –Church of the Risen Savior in Burnsville. Similar to the last series, no preregistration was required. Cost was $5.00 per week for the morning learning sessions. An optional lunch afterwards was an additional $10.00.
- The Fall 2019 Series will be held on Mondays, September 23 & 30 and October 7 & 14. The time is 9:30 am to 11:45 am. They are also having a special presentation with Paul Douglas on September 30 at 7:00 pm.
- There about 14 churches involved in this coalition.
- **Stewardship focus: Formation - Hospitality**

CROSS-COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND UPDATES

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETINGS

Closing Prayer: Lori

Next Meeting: Joint Council & Committees, Tuesday, November 12, 2019
6:30 pm – supper and large group, 7:30 pm committee meeting/Room 13.