



MEETING DETAILS

Description: Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Minutes (approved)

Date: March 9, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Zoom

Chair: Fran Laufle

Members

- **Present:** Lori Hannasch (Parish Staff), Fran Laufle, Terry Jurek,
 - **Recorder:** Cindy Sobczak
 - **Absent:** Patricia Ogbeido-Ihama, Betty Claridge, Cindy Meirink, Julia Landry
-

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Opening Prayer: - Terry

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 Update:

Parish updates were given during the Pastoral Council meeting held prior to the Pastoral Care Committee meeting.

Highlights:

- There is going to be an upcoming election for 2 members. There is a discernment process will be announced.
- The message of discipleship is to relayed to all ministries.
- The church capacity has increased. Palm Sunday the spacing will be every other pew.
- Interview for the Communication Director position are being finalized.
- Faithful Shepard School will be hiring a new principal.



Ministry Updates:

Parish Health Ministry – Terry

- Monthly meetings being held via Zoom.
- Monthly Blood Pressure screenings remain on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions
- Seniors In The Know had its first 2021 session via Zoom on 2/20. The topic was Dementia Friends and the presenter was Lori Hannasch. There were 31 people signed up to attend.
- Monthly bulletin board educational topics are being posted.
- Annual Red Cross Blood Drive is March 11. 104 donors signed up.
- Educational sessions for 2021: April 25/May 2 - Hospice and Palliative Care & Living Well and Dying at Home via Zoom. September - Know Your Medicare A,B,C, & D's October - Sacrament of the Sick, Funeral Planning, & Legacy Fund (no dates set for these last 2 yet)

Prayer Shawl – Cindy

- The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets one a month in person. The time is spent collecting completed shawls and socializing.
- The donations for January and February were to parishioners who needed comfort, Little Sisters of the Poor, Lifespark Home Health Care Hospice, Brookdale Memory Care, Martin Luther Manor Care facility, and The Rivers Senior Living.

Communion to the Homebound

- Visits continue to those who are ill and unable to attend drive up communion
- Some communion ministers to the homebound have yet to return to active ministry due to covid

Care Center Ministry

- The Commons on Marice getting communion 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Bulletins still dropped off at The Common and Eagan Pointe weekly

Prayer Line

- Ongoing

Funeral Ministry

- Latest dial turn allows us to have 50% capacity – no maximum cap but with distancing in place it is still about 200 people we can safely seat for a funeral. Still no funeral visitations or lunches.
- January 2021 – 3 funerals
- February 2021 - 1 funerals
- March 2021 (to date) – no funerals



BeFriender Ministry

- Various continuing education learning opportunities have been offered to volunteers.
- Visits continue in person or via phone.

Support Groups

- Growing Through Loss is going virtual for the Spring 2021 Series. Thursdays, April 8 – May 6. Registration has already begun and looks good. We will have 4 weeks of presenters with Zoom breakout support groups following the presentations. The 5th evening will be a virtual Mass of Remembrance.
- Alanon/Alateen – Monday group in person. Saturday group still on Zoom.
- AA – Tuesday Nighters are meeting in person.
- DBSA – Meeting via Zoom / SJN group meets 2x month and St. Paul group meets weekly

Enrichment and Education

- SALT – Cancelled for Spring 2021. Hopeful about resuming Fall 2021.

Closing Prayer – Fran

Next Meeting: Joint Council & Committees, May 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm