**MEETING DETAILS**

**Description: Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Minutes (approved)**

**Date:** May 11, 2021

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Chair:** Fran Laufle

**Members**

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

**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 3 council members. May 26 is the discernment meeting.
* Faithful Shepard School has hired a new principal. Interviews are being conducted for an assistant principal.
* Faithful Shepard School had a very successful gala event.
* Father Joe’s last weekend is June 5-6. A new associate will begin on June 9.
* Mask mandate is ending on May 15. Social distancing will continue until May 28.
* Alpha course is beginning. June 2.

**Ministry Updates:**

**Parish Health Ministry** – **Terry**

* SJN annual Red Cross Blood Drive was Thursday March 11.  We had 95 donors, collected 99 units of blood, and 9 volunteers staffed the drive.

* Quarterly educational sessions have resumed:

1st offering was our 2-part series - Hospice & Palliative Care and Living Well & Dying with Dignity at Home April 25/May 2 via Zoom and in person.  Part 1 had only 1 attendee, part 2 had 3 attend.

September topic is Know Your Medicare A,B,C, and D's

October topic is Sacrament of the Sick, Funeral Planning, & SJN Legacy Fund

No dates have been set for these yet.

* Seniors in the Know presentation on May 15 on Healthcare Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Prevention has been postponed due to funeral of Roger Laufle.

* Monthly health topics have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway between the gathering space and social hall.

* PHM will start to offer monthly blood screenings when all church restrictions are lifted, projected start date is possibly 2nd weekend of July.

**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 March and April were to parishioners who needed comfort, VA Medical Center, Commons on Marice, Faithful Sheppard School, Health Partners Hospice, and Ronald McDonald House.

**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: Communion Service 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month / Mass 2nd and 4th Wednesday.
* Eagan Pointe: Mass on 1st Wednesday of the month / Communion Service on the 2nd Mary Mother does the other Wednesdays
* Brookdale: Communion Services on Sundays after 10:00 am Mass. These will start up again in June.

**Prayer Line**

* Ongoing

**Funeral Ministry**

* Currently social distancing in place every other pew – no capacity limit. Still no funeral visitations or lunches.
* March 2021 – 1 funerals
* April 2021 - 1 funerals
* May 2021 (to date) – 7 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 went virtual for the Spring 2021 Series. Thursdays, April 8 – May 6. We averaged about 60 people in attendance at all sessions.
* 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 – Lori**

**Next Meeting: Joint Council & Committees, September 14, 2021 at 7:30 pm**