

## Parish Life Group Core Meeting January 27, 2011

Present: Fr. Warwick James, Agnes Roey, Eileen Faria, Sonia Jacob, Debra Cassara

Welcome and Prayer by Fr. Warwick and Eileen

### Current status of PLG

- **Charter** - Eileen has reworked the charter – copies were distributed and are attached here (Eileen, can you attach that document? I only have it in hard copy. Thanks).
- **Communication Packet** was created by Debbie and distributed at PLG annual meeting in September.
  - There are some forms still being updated (kitchen use guidelines, post event follow up forms) that will be added to the packet.
  - This packet should be distributed to all event chairpersons.
  - Needed: a **new event approval process form**. Will be created by Debbie and submitted to parish staff for approval by Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Parish-wide events:**
  - The social events for 2010-2011 are listed on p.3 on Charter.
  - **Sundae on Tuesday** will be added to the list. It will be hosted by Kelly Walsh this year. They are in need of funding for the ice cream, toppings and to pay for the clown. Cost is \$3 for 3 toppings. Water is sold for \$1. It is a financial break-even event. One year we made money because the ice cream was donated. Sundae on Tuesday will be March 8<sup>th</sup> this year.
  - There is a renewed event request for a **St. Joseph's Table** on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - The parish currently hosts a St. Patrick's feast on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
    - There has been talk and request for a St. Joseph's Table. This is an event that was traditionally held at St. Simon Parish, but stopped being held several years ago (unknown reasons).
    - Darcy in the rectory would like to create the St. Joseph's Table 2011.
    - Some discussion followed regarding the possibility of alternating between St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's every other year.
    - St. Patrick's has gone over so well that it will stay.
    - Compromise was reached to recall the St. Joseph's table...usually we have a fellowship the first weekend in March. The March fellowship will be moved to the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and will have follow the 5pm Saturday Mass. This will be the St. Joseph's feast this year. Darcy will host this, and PLG will revisit this matter next year.
  - In addition to the social events of PLG - We also support MOPS and Special Olympics Dance (possibly funded through youth program).
  - There was a request to have the PLG host the **Lenten Soup Nights**.
    - These were hosted by Faith Wells for many years but she has retired this position.
    - This year to chair the event: Sue Marrion/Roger Gaw/Darcy Yaley.

- Discussion followed that this is what happened to the previous PLG – when events no longer had support they were “dumped” on PLG and the PLG became too big to manage so nobody would volunteer in PLG.
  - It was a unanimous decision by PLG core to request that Fr. Warwick suggest that Lenten Soup nights be given to the Liturgy and Outreach/Justice Committees since this event follows a liturgical event is intended to increase awareness/solidarity with those who hunger in our world. Although there is a social aspect to this event that is not the primary purpose of the event.
- **In the Works**
  - **Easter Vigil reception** – Liz Morgan has hosted for several years. This event is without a host. This will definitely stay under the umbrella of PLG. Some suggestions for hosts are Shiela Bradford (hosted several years ago) and Fred Tau. We will also advertise in the bulletin (Eileen will draft)
  - February 16<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting for **Catholic Singles**. Chair for the group is Laura Haselden (on page 4 of Charter).
  - **Grade Connectors** are meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - **Empty Nesters** group is being coordinated by Eileen with Jeanette Loretz as Chair. This group has traditionally not participated in the auction. They are trying to get a table together for the auction. Suggested that perhaps they host the Easter Vigil.
- **PLG Core member roles** are defined in the new charter. Please take it home, read through your role and comment directly to Eileen if you have questions.
  - We are part of the PLG core.
  - There is a PLG team which consists of Core + more.
- **Several open positions on PLG team**
  - Senior Citizen Representative - Suggestion for Joann Schott to take on this role (who will invite her?)
  - MOPS representative – Was Mary Vernoooy but she is moving on.
  - YOUTH ministry representative – Eileen will talk to Val to see if there is a youth who can come. Debbie will invite Markie Lehner.
  - Fundraising Chair – our primary funds come from auction and rummage sale. One person on PLG board that can oversee the auction and rummage chairs. Fr. Warwick asks that we hold on finding this chair until the parish staff addresses the overarching fundraising needs of the entire parish. The hope is that the finance committee will establish a single policy/program. Stewardship of our fundraising should be accomplished a little more intentionally.
- **Next meeting** – PLG Chairs on April 28<sup>th</sup>/8-9pm. PLG Team on June 5<sup>th</sup> after 5pm Mass.