

Monthly Meeting Notes 2024

Monthly notes from September 26, 2024

6:30pm

Present: Ralph Brown, Isaac Garcia, Kathy Goldenstein, Phil Grant, Terry Grundtner Tara Perron, Maggie Lee, Ellen Schneider, Karen Thompson, guest: Annessa Ihde

Absent: Katie Shetka

Reflection/Prayer: Tara; "The Good Gardner"

Guest Speaker: Annessa Ihde from Interfaith Action

- Phil and Ralph meet Annessa at Festival of Rights in August that was hosted by the Beautiful Laundrette
- Annessa works in the Faithful Hospitality program of Interfaith Action
- Faithful Hospitality provides a day center housed at Central Presbyterian in downtown St. Paul for asylum seekers. They provide clothing, 3 meals a day, laundry services, job training, legal clinics, etc. In the evening Faithful Hospitality partners with local houses of worship to provide overnight shelter for these families. Program began in March, 2024
- Current families are 100% Spanish speaking, the majority from Ecuador and Venezuela.
- There was an opportunity for council members to share resources that they know about that could be helpful to Faithful Hospitality
- Annessa made a request for Spanish/English children's books. Isaac said he would work on finding some for her

Status Updates

- **Liaison Reports** - There is a new director at Casa. Phil is hoping she will speak at masses for World Mission weekend in November
- **Youth Group** - Tara, Katie and Anthony are trying to coordinate schedules but it has been difficult. Tara will go ahead with choosing a date for the first meeting and then let Katie and Anthony know the date. Karen offered to fund the first meeting at the St. Francis de Sales bowling alley. Karen and Tara will coordinate on finding the date.
- **ECFFF** - Early Catholic Family Faith Formation - first organizational meeting held. Looking to start in January. Discussion on use of the chapel and if a reconfiguration of it should be considered and how to engage the community in that discussion. Will be included in the November Retreat topics. Ellen mentioned that another small table would be helpful right now in the chapel for Children's Liturgy of the Word
- **Parking Lot** - On hold until next summer. Additional costs with the addition of the playground nearest the school tear down and resurfacing. Approximately \$70 K raised.
- **Coffee Sunday, October 13** - Hosted by Parish Council. Donuts from Cub. Kathy, Maggie and Ellen have volunteered, others needed so let us know if you can help.
- **November Giving Thanks Calendar** - Karen and Angela are working on getting the permit. Proceeds towards the skylight replacement
- **Parish Council Retreat - November 16**

- **Topics** - Task Force Priorities and Chapel use
- **Invitees** - Agreed to invite Finance Council for at least part of the day
- **Update - Father Steve** - Recent scans showed that some of the tumors are larger. They will stop immunotherapy and he will begin a drug trial

Listening Reports

- Publish in the bulletin what we made on the Strawberry Cleaning
- Uneven sidewalk outside the door on the Robie Street entrance to the church
- Revive the MLK Breakfast
- Where is the statue of St. Matthew. Have it more prominently displayed especially during Feast of St. Matthew. Ellen suggested prayer cards for that weekend has well
- Advertise that Scrip is still available

Communication - New Website

- Logo - Maggie distributed copies of the 5 logos that the committee received and asked us to comment on them. We took a few minutes to do that in written form and Maggie will bring those comments to the committee
- Timeline - Finalize Logo in November. Committee will work on getting a draft together with photos for the web designer. Web designer to begin work in January with the hope that the new website would be live as early as Lent, for sure by Easter.

Annual Report

- Maggie distributed an example of an Annual Report from a different parish
- Discussion to continue in October

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm