

# Monthly Meeting Notes January 2025

## Monthly notes from January 23, 2025 6:30pm

**Present:** Ralph Brown, Kathy Goldenstein, Phil Grant, Maggie Lee, Ellen Schneider, Karen Thompson, Alan Christianson

**Absent:** Terry Grundtner, Katie Quinlan

**Reflection:** Kathy read a reflection that had been presented at Liturgy Committee

## Social Media Policy

- Alan was in attendance tonight to draw our attention to the need to revisit the Social Media Policy which had been drafted in 2020. There is a need for more administrators to be credentialed especially as we go forward with Livestreaming services.
- Who is the gatekeeper - it was originally John Riehle when the policy was written, Phil does not serve as gatekeeper at this time
- Does the archdiocese have policies or guidelines we should be aware of? • Was referred to the Communication and Marketing committee to review/update

## Status Updates

- **Liaison Reports** - please review
- **Communication and Marketing** - website update. Maggie shared the current mission, parish motto, vision statement and core values as they will appear on the website
- **Youth Group** - Did not meet on January 19th. Anthony and Katie are working to find a date in February to go to Feed My Starving Children. Communication is a big issue between coordinators and with the families. Need to set up an email chain, connect with COS and get info in their newsletter. Who are we serving? Tara willing to be a the email contact on the website under Youth Group once it is up and running
- **Ministry Partners**
  - **Loaves and Fishes** - Dine in is dependent on volunteers but they are trying to move more to that model. Shutdowns happen if site coordinator is out and there does not seem to be a sub available through Loaves and Fishes where in the past there was. Litter issues because of using disposable containers that can be used for take out. Misuse of the bathroom. Multiple meals picked up by one person - how many can someone take? Phil and Karen are hoping to set up a meeting with Loaves and Fishes administrators to discuss issues.
  - **12 Step Groups** - currently there is an AA group that meets on Thursday evenings. There is another 12 step group that would like to use our space on Tuesday mornings, 6:30-7:30 am. It fits our model. Need to make People of Praise aware of this possibility. Discussion as to who should have virtue training, should all key fob holders complete?

## Listening Reports

- Several people expressed the desire to name the Social Hall or Chapel for Fr. Steve ●
- Loaves and Fishes issues - see above. Address in bulletin once meeting with L&F staff

### **Event Planning - Soup and Stories - January 25 - 26**

- Do not have a feel for how many will attend. Quick hand count at masses yielded 25 for Saturday and 11 for Sunday
- In need of servers - Parish Council members asked to help if they can ● There will be several choices of soup and Captain Ken's chili, salad and cake ● Anyone is welcome to speak; will try to limit each person to 3 minutes ● Upcoming remembrances of Fr. Steve - April (perhaps Harvest Pack event around his birthday); August and December

### **2025 Strategic Goals**

- **Three goals and next steps**

- **Spirituality**

- Events throughout the year to honor Fr. Steve and help the community in their grief.
- Bible Study group on Tuesday evenings(4th Tuesday)
- New group on Saturday mornings to discuss articles in Commonweal (2nd Saturday). Group will start soon
- Recruitment of new council members

- **Youth**

- See discussion above around Youth Group
- Continue to support Children's Liturgy of the Word, Faith Formation

- **Hospitality**

- Further discussion next month
- Many aspects of hospitality fall under both Youth and Spirituality steps ●

Communication to the parish - put together a brief Here are things we did last year and what we plan to work on this year. Mini Annual Report

### **Immigration**

- Issue was raised by a few parishioners given recent Administration actions and the large immigrant population that we serve on the West Side
- Dave Haley indicated that he would be attending a meeting with some others from Casa to learn more about what to do if ICE comes to your door. Will connect with him after meeting on Feb. 6
- There is a need to gather West Side stakeholders to discuss what we can do. This would be after Feb 6 and include those that attended the community meetings that were held two years ago.
- Kathy presented information she had found on the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's website. On that website there was a download for red cards that could be printed and distributed or available at the parish center, church, Loaves and Fishes. The red cards are printed with the simple instructions and lists of rights or all (citizens and noncitizens).

Multiple languages are available to download. Website and information on the red cards was sent to parish council members. Phil will have some printed and available.

**Land Acknowledgement Statement**

- Further discussion in coming months

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm