

In Attendance: Fr. Jim Benz, Mary Bryne, Ann Ficken, Mike Mohrmann, Lynn Owen, Al Rothermich, Tony Scoggin, Laurie Steinkamp, Chris Unterreiner, Deb Young **Excused:** Deacon Mark McCarthy, Celeste Leuck, Dan Pelikan, Donna Pundmann

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with Evening Prayer. Minutes of the February 24 meeting were approved as submitted, with one spelling correction.

Formation – Forming Intentional Disciples

Chapters 9&10 were discussed and were a call to action. There was a good discussion about how difficult it can be to take action as a disciple. There is an ongoing struggle against cultural norms with the young people and trying to instill Catholic values in them. Mary shared her thoughts about how she finds it hard to imagine not having the Eucharist as part of her life. Father Jim used the analogy of the people being firewood and our job is to light the fire for them. We should all be mindful at all times for opportunities to be disciples.

SWOT Update

The four committees established at the last meeting each gave an update regarding their efforts to date.

- Group 1 (Financial processes) – There was little to report other than that they had met initially with Tim Stewart, chair of the Finance Council and they would be attending the next Finance Council meeting to begin to gather information.
- Group 2 (Parish Council learning session) – The parishes, in addition to St. Cletus, to invite to the learning session have been identified (St. Joachim & Ann, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, St. Robert, and St. Peters). These parishes represent those involved in the Cooperative Forum attended by the pastors on a regular basis. The next step is to contact all Parish Council chairs from those parishes and invite them to a learning session. A letter of invitation has been drafted and was shared. The date is to be determined. There was discussion regarding limiting the number of attendees to 2 or 3 per council, or inviting all. It was decided that it would be best to invite all, knowing that scheduling conflicts would limit the ability of many to attend.
- Group 3 (Holiness of Parish Council) – The group had several suggestions:
 - Change our “How do you come to the meeting?” to be some specific topic to share with the group to encourage more sharing and learning more about each other.
 - Consider a daily inspirational message to all members.
 - Set an hour each week that is the Parish Council's time at Eucharistic Adoration.
 - Try to attend Exalt as a group, or go to Mass as a group occasionally.
 - Mary suggested sending a challenge to other parish groups to attend liturgical events together as well.
- Group 4 (Renew hearts) – Al shared a summary report from this group. Highlights included:
 - Increase the personal invitations for individuals to get involved.
 - Have more social events (coffee and donuts after Mass, move night, etc.)
 - Focus on additional adult education opportunities on a regularly scheduled basis.
 - Highlight parishioners who are active in the bulletin periodically to show how to get involved. This could be linked to what the Stewardship Committee is doing to highlight ministries. Chris also shared the idea of a blog from another church where parishioners share their experiences.
 - Develop a more formal welcoming committee for new parishioners to provide the personal touch.
 - Work with the Legion of Mary to make phone calls or visits to parishioners who are less active in ministries.
 - Work more with our database of skills when volunteers are needed.

The next step is for each group to prioritize their ideas and come to the next meeting with concrete action items to recommend.

Pastor's Time

- Father Jim has contacted ministry leaders to begin to plan for the Parish's anniversary celebration and a general invitation will be in the coming week's bulletin. Father Jim will research who led the last celebration so that information can be learned from him or her. April 7 is the date for the first planning session.
- Suppers 8 notice will run again in this week's bulletin
- First Communion will be held on May 3.
- Confirmation with Bishop Herman will be on April 8.
- The Robert Baron Series is still taking place and is being attended by 50 or so people each week.

*Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014 at **7:30***