

OLL Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022 6:00 pm

Present: Karen McCabe, Stevie Ritger, Bonnie Steffen, Kati Dimmer, and Sara Boeck.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Gables on the Pond Rosary/Communion: Leon had to attend another meeting but stopped in at the end of our meeting and informed us that things are going well with Vern partnering with him Wednesday mornings.

Hospitality: For now we will have hospitality on the 2nd Sunday of the month. March 13, April 10, and May 8, this will also be May Crowning Sunday. There was some discussion of trying to go back to two Sundays a month for hospitality. Maybe wait with that for now and see how this goes. Hospitality has been going very well with good participation.

Easter cards: Karen will send these out to those on our bereavement list and ask for help when we get closer to sending those out.

We had some discussion on handouts at Easter. Maybe rather than another Kelly book something with a daily scripture reflection like *The Word Among Us* may be better. Would need some further discussion as that would require a subscription.

Outreach Coordinator: Parish will start interviewing candidates in March. We had some discussion on possible questions to be asked and what the position entailed in the past. It would be good to start again giving a small gift bag at weddings and baptisms. Maybe follow up a year later with another card.

New Business: Bonnie had reported the Pastoral Council has been talking about the "Come to Me" Archdiocesan initiative to bring people back to Mass after COVID. A lot of good ideas from our group. We need to find ways to welcome and invite people back to mass. Different groups to target: those cautious of COVID, RE and Catholic school families who send their children but the parents don't attend Mass, those that maybe didn't attend Mass for a couple of years so feel they don't need to attend. For now, we felt the best way to connect with all families in the Parish is to send a postcard before Easter inviting them to attend our Easter Triduum, Easter Masses and upcoming hospitality dates. Sara volunteered to start designing something to send.

The idea of a parish directory was brought up again. Maybe this could be brought up at the Pastoral Council meeting?

Meeting closed with prayer at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 29, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCabe, Secretary