

OLL Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023 6:00 pm

Present: Karen McCabe, Stevie Ritger, Bonnie Steffen, Kati Dimmer, Leon Jacoby, Bill Johannes, Maddie Schueller

Stevie opened the meeting with a prayer on Stewardship

This was a joint meeting with the DS outreach committee represented by Bill and Maddie.

Report from Kati: On Palm Sunday there will be an Easter egg hunt for 2nd grade and under and a tomb making competition for grades 3 and above. The egg hunt will be after the 8:15 Mass and maybe after the DS 10:00 Mass as well. The tomb making will be done at home with "upcycle" materials and can be a family or individual entry. Grades 3-6 and 7-12 will have a chance to win a gift card. Entries will need to be turned in on or before April 2. The winner will be announced at hospitality/family faith formation on April 23. On Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday of Lent a reflection/devotional book will be handed out.

Bill mentioned that DS will again be hosting Java with Jesus after Mass on February 12.

Ecumenical group: Kati reported she is going to these meetings. Our Pastoral Council wanted our group to discuss the possibilities of helping organize and take over the 2023 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service as it seemed to be somewhat disorganized this year. Our Outreach committee felt the Pastor/Parish Director should still be our Parish representative in the Ecumenical group, along with our Outreach coordinator. We would be happy to help out at any events sponsored by that group. The Ecumenical group is sponsoring a Lenten series on the final teachings of Christ, based on the Gospel of John. There will be 5 sessions starting Wednesday March 1. OLL will host on March 29.

Hospitality dates will be: February 5, March 5 and April 23. On February 5, the DS School kids will be singing during the 8:15 Mass, marking the end of Catholic Schools week. There will also be Valentine cookie decorating for kids.

Catholic Playgroup: Mady Bemis has gotten approval to take this to the Pastoral Council meeting on January 23. This would be for kids ages 3-5, before they start faith formation. This would be held twice per month, on a Wednesday and Sunday after the Mass. The kids would stay after Mass in the church and the parents would meet in the parish center. This would run from Easter until September.

Other items discussed: St Patrick Day is on a Friday. Should we host something?

Bill suggested we should maybe have a cluster picnic in June. DS has a picnic on the 4th Sunday of June that Bill reported is not really a fundraising event for DS. More discussion is needed on this. We do have a lot of cluster activities already. People from both parishes can always be invited and are welcome to volunteer at these events. The ham dinner is a major fundraiser for OLL. This is also a community builder for OLL as we get a lot of volunteers who may not regularly participate in other Parish activities.

We have noticed a drop in Mass attendance. Unfortunately, there are still a lot of people sick with various things in our community. During covid the livestreaming of Mass worked well to keep the sense of community with our parishioners. There was discussion about the possibility of improving and upgrading the technology at OLL with the Love One Another funds and bring the livestreaming of our Mass back. With this there are also a number of issues that would need to be resolved, including licensing. This would be for the homebound and people with illnesses that prevent them from attending in-person. Approval would be needed from the Pastoral Council.

Meeting closed with prayer at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, March 6, 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Karen McCabe, Secretary