This was an initial meeting of the core team members of the New Member Welcoming Team, a sub-committee of the SNCP Stewardship committee. Core team members present: Mary Jo Bugembe (HNJ), Jill Niemi (SC) and Ann Scharrer (SD)

Opening Prayer: Ann Scharrer

Role
The new member welcoming team exists to build a strong sense of community and belonging, including orienting new members to the practice of stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Membership
Representatives from St. Dominic, St. Clement, Holy Name of Jesus and the Hispanic Community will be recruited to be a part of the team. Some potential members have been identified and members of the core team will reach out to encourage their participation.

Mission Statement
The team believes a powerful message is best conveyed with a mission statement that is clear and concise. The following statement would include the SNCP logo and appear wherever appropriate, i.e., web site, Bulletin, correspondence, etc.

_The New Member Welcoming Team exists to create and cultivate a welcoming spirit within the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes._

_“I was a stranger and you welcomed me”. (Matthew 25:35)._

Goals
- Review current registration and orientation process. It is important to have an easy registration process and to contact and welcome new parishioners in a timely manner after registering.
- While registration numbers are important for projecting budgets, connecting new members with current parishioners who are knowledgeable about SNCP will foster a sense of belonging for the new members.
- Develop a welcome packet or brochure to be distributed at the time of registration.
- Design a follow-up welcome letter to be sent to the home of the new member and signed by the pastor
- Coordinate welcoming events at the three parishes.

Action Items

- **Post Card Mailing**
  It is important to reach out to all new members from 2020 to present. Due to COVID, no welcoming activities could be held. The following is a draft of a post card that will be sent to these individuals:

  _Welcome to the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes SNCP Family!_
We are reaching out to all members who registered during the pandemic. You have not been forgotten! We have been unable to hold an in-person welcoming event due to COVID, but our recently formed SNCP New Member Welcoming Team is planning to host an event soon. Please watch our Bulletin and website for details.

The Core Team is working with SNCP staff on the logistics of this mailing for a June 2022 mail date.

- **First Welcoming Event**
  At its May 10th meeting, the Stewardship Committee suggested a plan to coordinate welcoming events to be held on the same weekend at all three parishes. The core team will begin to explore this and other options for the first welcoming event and will engage volunteers from all three parishes to participate in the planning.

**Next Meeting Date:** Core Team members to meet Monday, June 6 at 9 a.m. at Jill Niemi’s home.

Mary Jo Bugembe
May 19, 2022