

Parish Life Meeting Notes  
September 22, 2020

Attending: Maureen Arndorfer, Joanne Burg, Danny Claude, Judy Genthe, Lori Haizel, Carol Merkel, Randy & Susie Olejnik, Ruth Ann Rupert, Mary Steinbauer, Kurt Weis

Excused: Skitch & Dorothy Bennett, Don Burg, Lynne Claude, Renee Gehring, Jim Steinhart, Kathy VanDuser, Josie Wollenhaupt

The committee spent the first part of the meeting praying for and remembering family, friends, & parishioners for continued blessings during the pandemic and many health issues. We also spent a few minutes just catching up with each other and glad to be back together – masks and all! Although we are not able to have large social gatherings at church, we are committed to hosting a Welcome Back Celebration when it is OK.

We had a discussion on possible ways to stay in touch via website/UTube with fellow parishioners going forward. Streaming at church has been a critical part of staying connected. It was suggested that a weekly video of updates with a Q & A time would be a good addition to the bulletin and email blasts. This could be done by Dcn Allen, and another staff member, or the leadership team. A group of parishioners could be invited to be present with questions about the matrix, attending Mass, etc. It was also suggested that maybe it is time to begin some small groups via Zoom sessions or at church via livestream...Bible Study, Retired discussion group, an explanation of the Divine Mercy picture in church and a chaplet, etc.

Mary Steinbauer asked if we would support a collection she would like to have for the Hope Center. The Sunday Loaves and Fishes dinners have been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Center would like to offer drive thru meals during the week for the patrons and are asking churches to collect some of the necessary food items. The committee thought it was a good idea and would assist as needed. The collection would be a few weekends in October.

The Religious Ed Department will be having a Fall Fest on October 17 from 11am-3pm in the North Lake parking lot. They will be providing drive thru food, beverages, pumpkins & gourds, and Trunk or Treat from 1-3pm for children to come in their costumes. Volunteers will decorate their car trunks and have treats for the children. Our committee talked about offering a take home dinner after the 4:30 Mass that day, continuing with the grilled brats and hamburgers, and adding a side, chips, and cookie. Pick-up would be in the courtyard area. The food items will be purchased, as we are not able to serve homemade items yet. There will be a charge for items during both timeframes that day. Mary asked if we could continue the Fall Fest on Sunday morning after the 11am Mass at Monches. If we can get enough volunteers, we can do that, as long as the meals are taken home and not eaten with a gathering at church.

We will meet again to finalize plans for the Fall Fest meals to go.

Mary Jo Romportl

