

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

April 9, 2015

We opened the meeting with an Our Father lead by Fr. Stan.

Members present were Rheadawn Young, John Strange, Fr. Stan, Oliver, Amy Lesneski, Margie Walke, Donald and Marilyn Freyer, and Mary Beth and Ron Freyer. Not present were Maureen Harpring and Tom Geis and Sunny Calvert.

Reading of minutes and approved by Rheadawn Young.

Ministry Updates

Hospitality/Welcoming: Rheadawn reported she received no new parish members. Reported she sent several sympathy cards out.

Parish Sports: Don had no report.

Youth Ministry: Mary Beth reported that last meeting was held at St. Nicholas was well attended with about 40 high school students. She also reported they will need a replacement for religious high school teacher on Wednesday evening to replace Isabelle Crume. Fr. Stan considers helping with assistance.

Hispanics: No report

Respect Life: No report

Food Pantry: Rheadawn reported numbers for months of January, February and March and still shows a big need.

Bereavement Committee: No report

Families Helping Families: No report

Old Business: Bringing Back Parishioners. John Strange gave us an update on Parish directory which shows decline in members. Also was noted that no new directory was made in 2014. What can we do? Suggestions were: once a month having coffee and donuts (first Sunday) of the month by all groups take turns and possibly starting in June at the Prickel house. Fr. Stan suggested sending out an introductory letter to all and ex parishioners. Coming home for Christmas (which a time for healing). Talking to the pastor and having a personal connection

with them. People having other priorities (like sports games) and others not going at all. People sometimes hold grudges. People said were unfriendly parish. We all go to church to receive the Eucharist and we are all here for the same reason.

Summer Parish Picnic will be Sunday July 26, 2015 at 11:00 am mass at big pavilion in Liberty Park in Batesville. Rheadawn has checked on this and cost of \$200 with use of kitchen. We need a planning group, we need someone to organize food, we provide meat, organize people food by letter of alphabet for salad, veggie, desserts. Fr. Stan will contact a few people to help out. Suggestions were made for card game tournament and games for kids. We will need musicians.

Ladies Chocolate Social will be Saturday May 16, 2015 at St. Anthony Morris starting at 5 until 8. Tickets are printed and at the Parish Office. Maureen will be putting in bulletin and made about 100 flyers

New Business: Fr. Stan will give a talk at all weekend masses asking for people to help with School Commission with our principle Chad Moeller.

We closed the meeting with a Hail Mary said by all.

We need new members.

Next meeting is Thursday May 7, 2015 at 7:00 at the Parish Office

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Freyer