

Caring Council Meeting Minutes March 3, 2022

Attendees: Laura McGlauchlen, Deb Rhody, Megan McGinty, Annette Dolenc

- Fr Tim joined the meeting to inform the Council of Cathy Joachim's health and her need to step away from leading the Prayer Line Ministry.
Fr Tim stated that Cathy would be open to help with cleaning their townhouse. Megan and Annette both volunteered.
The council felt that Cathy may be the person to talk to about a replacement. She may know people that have been involved and would be willing to lead the ministry.
Will have Mickey follow up with Cathy about the cleaning.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry will start in person on April 21 at 6:30 and every third Thursday at the church.
- The BloodMobile for March 4 is staffed and all slots filled.
- Senior Living: Deb helped Mickey with the Communion Service at New Perspectives in Eagan. Deb was deeply moved by the gratitude and reaction of the attendees. They also distributed communion to individuals in Memory Care. Deb was going to document her experience and feels we need a process for capturing the positive outcomes of the ministries we represent.
- Communion to the Homebound: Megan brought in the cross and pamphlet she has used in bringing communion to homebound. Will bring it again for Mickey to see. Mickey has stated in past meetings a desire to develop a training for the ministry.
- Funeral Ministry: A new process for providing food has been developed. Catering will be done through HyVee. Including a fee for compostable dinner ware, the cost should be around \$6.50/person. Checklists and processes will be put in place and new volunteers recruited.
- Review of goals: Grow Communion Services to Seniors
Develop the Ministry of Communion to the Homebound
Would like to see a way to capture positive reactions to the ministries when they occur.
- Sunshine Sender: Deb will invite Megan Steele to join us next month to discuss ways to possibly expand this ministry, i.e., cards sent on the 1st anniversary of a death.
- Deb shared a book with the council. "The Gift of a Memory" by Marianne Richmond. A wonderful book written to address loss and grief. Is this something appropriate for families when there is a loss? Deb will bring it to the next meeting and we will invite Fr Tim to explore options with us.
- Closing prayer for April: Megan