

Care Support and Justice Committee Minutes

12/20/2022

In Attendance: Dave Nowak, Steve Regnier, Manny Lopez, Jackie Petersen Morehead

- **What is going on in your ministry or anything you think needs to be passed along to the Parish Council**
 - **Social Justice Committee:**
 - Planning on doing Living Room Conversation small groups
 - Presentation on “Encountering others” and how it is impacting how the committee is going about doing ministry
 - Building a relationship with the
- **Assigning Roles:**
 - **Chair:** Manny **Vice Chair:** Recorder:
 - With Liz being absent from this meeting we decided to determine roles at our next meeting.
- **Follow up on discussions around creating listening sessions for the parish**
 - Many of the ministry areas on both the pastoral care and social justice sides are instituting listening sessions or opportunities to invite listening.
 - Living Room conversations and/or speakers
 - World Café is another tool though may be more than what we need right now.
 - **Culture of Care (See definition below):** Arising in the various ministries and the church: The Spirit is at work!
 - Pastoral Care/Mental Health: Culture of Care (**See definition below**)
 - Justice: Encountering others
 - Archdiocese Response to the Synod: Archbishop Hebda’s Pastoral Letter
 - Mystery of the Washing of Feet (Section most relevant)
 - This document calls for “radical hospitality”, listening to receive the other which leads to unity.
 - Staff is grappling with this document and the archdiocese will be making it a priority for the next 3 years.
- **Ideas for recruiting Homebound Minister**
 - Current update**
 - Bulletin
 - Asked Father to promote at daily Mass
 - Reach out to Sisters of St. Joseph and college students
 - Decided to do this if we need substitutes. This ministry really needs to be done by parishioners.
 - Ask family members of homebound
 - Future**
 - Pastoral care information night

- Ask men's group
- Others?
- **Goals for ministry areas for 2023 to make our focus (Goals connect these ministries to the larger parish)**
 - Asking each ministry area to come up with 1 or more goals that relate to their ministry and its involvement with the larger parish that this committee can hold in focus for the coming year
 - Do you know what each of these ministries are? Steve can define.
 - **Supporting the Individual**
 - Stephen Ministry
 - Homebound Eucharist Minister/Nursing homes
 - Mental Health Connect
 - Capital City Grief
 - Prayer Shawl
 - Prayer Line
 - Funeral
 - **Justice**
 - **Subcommittees:** Race/Immigration/Care for Creation/Highland Heritage/Voting and Advocacy
 - **Curriculums:** Living Room Conversations/Catholic Social Teaching/Just Faith
 - **Charity**
 - Loaves and Fishes
 - Parish Emergency Fund/Neighborhood House partnership
 - Angel Tree Ministry
 - Circle of Welcome
 - **Culture of Care/Encountering (See definition below)**
 - Supporting the Individual
 - Justice
 - Charity

Defining a Culture of Care

It is creating a community where people can share the fullness of who they are and become Christ's light whether they are in a moment of emotional struggle, a divorce, financial difficulty, loss, physical illness and/or celebrating a new baby, a new job, graduation from school, the moments of an ordinary day or any other experiences along the journey. In this midst of this sharing, we equip the community to be an effective listening presence which results in encounters that connect and produce a sense of caring for one another and a resulting commitment to accompanying each other through moments of joy and sorrow throughout each other's full journey.

GO TO THE PC MEETING WITH ONE KEY TAKEAWAY. MAKE SURE IT IMPACTS THE WHOLE PARISH.

