

PLEC Meeting Minutes

2/6/18

Attendance: Mike Morelli, John Cadwallader, Barbara Fahringer, Mary Ball, Joe Abella, Bill Danner, Chris Stimac & John Maled

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm and the following items were discussed.

- 1) Family Catechesis update from John C.
 - a. John C. plans to address family catechesis and the idea of saying the Hail Mary before 9:30 masses with the Faith Formation committee at their next meeting (no date set).
ACTION: Provide PLEC members feedback on both these topics after that meeting.

- 2) Update on Prison Ministry from Chris S.
 - a. Arch Diocese update on this subject was last month.
 - b. Arch Diocese currently working to establish baseline training for volunteers.
 - c. Mary B. is working on recruiting a small group to go to the Indiana Women's prison.
 - d. Mike expressed three phases; Inside Ministry to the long term incarcerated, near term release, re-entry
 - i. Existing PM function is presently oriented around near term release, efforts need to be aimed at both long term and re-entry
 - e. Ways to further expose and market this ministry were brainstormed
 - i. Include this ministry during RCIA program when other ministries are explained
 - ii. Coordinate actions with Nativity
 - iii. Try and put a structure in place to help make this a more coordinated ministry. This will come with time at the direction of the archdioceses

ACTION 1: Joe A. will ensure the prison ministry is included in the year end RCIA meeting.
ACTION 2: Chris S. to speak with SJC about working with our partner for Connected in Spirit (Nativity) on any prison ministry initiatives.
ACTION 3: The group will continue to try and spread the word and get the parish involved while waiting on more feedback from the archdiocese about organizing this more formally

- 3) Alpha program update from Bill D.
 - a. Turnout has been low; 15-30.
 - b. No plan to hold it again in the foreseeable future.

- 4) Question was raised about how best to continue marketing "Formed" on-line resource.
 - a. 269 active registered users
 - i. Bill expects this to go up somewhat resulting from Lenten efforts to energize
 - b. Bulletin was recently used.
 - c. Joe noted that the "Millennials" are not as likely to take a Bulletin and read it; Bill affirmed the movement toward digital awareness; group consensus
 - i. John C mentioned Formed "App" as a means to spread the message
 - ii. We need to think about a focus group to enhance digital Parish Life focus
 - d. Bill D. asks that we all sign in, use it, and tell others.
 - e. Mary promoted idea of having a school "take home" acknowledgement in exchange for an additional out of uniform day with children

- i. General agreement with concept; not fully developed
 - ii. We need to frame this up in next meeting; great opportunity
 - f. Suggestion to use TVs in Narthex before and after Masses to market this and make parishioners aware of Formed and other activities.
 - i. Need to engage Father with fresh proposal to utilize these screens for promotion of events
- 5) Mike M. suggested we assign PLEC members to be liaisons to other ministries.
 - a. Unanimous agreement
 - b. Liaison role would include explaining PLECs mission, asking how we may be able to support other ministries, and creating more awareness within PLEC of other ministry activities, successes, and challenges.

ACTION: Assign liaisons. Barbara will be liaison to Faith Formation, Chris will be liaison to Social Justice, John C. will be liaison to Vocations committee

- 6) Barbara F. suggested a small, organic 7 Churches Pilgrimage.
 - a. Much discussion and determination that informal group starting at St. Jude after Holy Thursday mass may be best approach this year.

ACTION: Barbara will do informal work to get this going

- 7) Conversation surrounding root causes of low participation in Adoration.
 - a. Poor communication? Considered antiquated tradition? Hours?
 - b. No definitive way forward noted.
 - i. We need to focus on this in the next meeting

- 8) Mike brought up Capital Campaign status
 - a. \$4MM Pledged; ~\$1MM Cash on hand
 - b. Working committees are forming
 - c. Joe notes approximately 40% of families have responded; a second wave of pledges is coming
 - i. PLEC members are encouraged to participate in dial-a-thon to contact outstanding parishioners
 - ii. Joe proposed someone from Capital Committee to come speak at a PLEC meeting

ACTION: Mike to meet with Jeff Wilson to determine how PLEC might be able to assist

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.