

## WELCOMING COMMISSION MINUTES

August 19, 2021

Present: Becca Burford, David Davis, Mark King, Stephny Lietuvnikas, Betty Markle, Bruce Massey, Deanna Soulis

Betty Markle was welcomed to join our meeting to discuss joint interest in St. John's Day.

"Come Grow with Us" video – Can't be used with our current system. Instead it will be posted along with the bulletin prior to the camera commencement for the service. Additional idea included posting a picture of the nave or an important announcement (i.e. cookbook sales) prior to the beginning of the camera. Bob Ayer's video will be featured this Sunday, August 22.

Welcoming Packet will go to the printer near the end of August.

Virtual Tour of the Church – no update.

Reorganization of Greeters – Peg to update later.

Publication of Church in Community – Tammy Martinez will be contacted for the possibility of the billboard. Regarding a mass mailing, Deanna will contact Gaye McGovern for a possible mailing list.

Social Event for Newcomers – All agreed no point until masks can be removed when gathered.

Gifts for Newcomers and Current Members – Deanna shared 2 decals. Samples have been ordered.

Facebook Testimonials – Tammy Martinez is currently being featured.

Cookbook Booster – Betty reported 185 have been sold and features 350 pages of recipes from the parish. A donation has been made to pay for a Facebook boost. Betty will talk to Tri-State about selling the cookbook electronically.

St. John's yard sale has been postponed until Spring 2022 due to Covid/Delta virus uncertainty.

Twenty-five dollars will be rewarded to parish member for sign contest. Watch for the clever new sign. Winner announced in Soundings

Commission Social has been delayed until David McKinley returns in late September.

Deanna reported that Charlie Chaney was agreeable to comments brought forth regarding the church and grounds by the WC. He will present them to Fabric and Grounds.

Recording of Myers Family Singing for the website is being edited by Mark/Pieter.

Book Club – stay tuned

St. John's Day brainstorming – "Paint your Vision" for St. John's Day. The commission gave Betty several ideas for the event. Mark your calendars for a wonderful outdoor event on 9/12.

GivePlus will be the new online giving provider. Vanco will no longer be used after Sept. 30

Parishioners who are not receiving "Soundings", "Wednesday Word", and/or eTidings are reminded to provide updates email addresses to Melonie as soon as possible.

Stephny proposed St. John's consider providing a podcast. It is recommended to be rotated among parish "critical thinkers" of whom there are many.

New Meeting scheduled for 9/8, 5 PM.