

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Meeting Wed., Nov. 30, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Those present: Bev Abeles, Jackie Alexander, Peg Brown, Tammy Aaron, Tammy Martinez, Deanna Soulis (Welcoming Commission Chair), Robin Spickler (Choir representative), Betty Markle & Susan Rauth

We thank Carol Bachtell and Dennis Molloy for moving the Parish Life Commission forward these past several months during a time of transition with relaxed covid protocols, anniversary celebrations, coffee hours, and providing continual hospitality and the regathering of the Parish as a family again. We are grateful for all they have done and will continue to do as they serve on this Commission. We are also happy to announce that Tammy Martinez is committed to coordinating Coffee Hours for Sunday mornings going forward and Betty Markle and Susan Rauth will be happy to co-chair the Parish Life Commission with the fabulous help of all of you and others we may encourage to join us.

The meeting began with prayer at 10:10 a.m.

Tammy M. would appreciate help with the clean up after Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings from other members of Parish Life as we are able. She will also be reminding those who have signed up to provide snacks and will prepare some basic instructions for the morning procedures.

We also thank Jackie who offered to provide coffee and donuts after the 8 am service twice a month.

We are coordinating the following activities:

1. SUN., DEC. 4 after 10:15 service – ST. NICHOLAS DAY –

- a. DOK is taking care of this event. (Evvie is coordinating)
- b. Rebecca Connor & Betsy Mummert are doing crafts.
- c. Bob Speelman contacted 'St. Nicholas' (Mr. David Pugh, 240-375-3200)
- d. Parish Life will prepare Lentil Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup & Bread; Daughters of the King are also bringing Salads & Desserts.
- e. Tammy M & Peg will decorate Trimble Hall on Thur., Dec. 1 at 4 pm. Anyone else who would like to join them, please do! Thank You!
- f. Soups will be prepared at church on Sat., Dec. 3 at 10 am. Anyone able to come in to help with necessary preparations are welcomed and encouraged. Thank You!

2. SAT., DEC. 17 (date changed from 12/10) – Carolers will meet at 4:30 in parking lot.

Deanna talked about how much it means to those who are visited by carolers and encourages all who can join in the caroling to sign up on the board above coffee table. She also asks all of us to invite others to sign up this Sunday. Fr. Todd will assist the Welcoming Commission to provide names and addresses of those who could be visited. Deanna will coordinate the carolers with persons to be visited, and hopes that there are enough carolers to make more parishioners happy with their visit.

Parish Life is asked to prepare a simple meal at 6:30 pm for returning carolers.

3. **SUN., DEC. 18 – Parish Life will serve Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs & Chips (instead of Pot Luck).**
It was felt that maybe people will appreciate not having to make a covered dish so close to Christmas. **Winning Tickets will be drawn for Dessert Raffle at this hour also.**
4. **TUES., DEC. 27 – Candle Lit Open House & Caroling, 6 PM – need Cookies & Punch.**
David McKinley will lead a time of caroling following the ‘candle lite tour’.
5. **FRI., JAN. 6 – Epiphany Party, 6 PM/ Pot Luck (This takes care of itself.)**
6. **SUN., JAN. 22 – Annual Congregational Meeting with Lunch**
a. In-Person Meeting;
b. Meatloaf meal to be prepared & served by Parish Life.
7. **SUN., JAN. 29 – Mark King’s Retirement Party following 10:15 service**
The choir is looking forward to assist with this special occasion; Robin is providing a charcuterie board and will let us know of the selections. Extra Sweet Tray considered. Retirement Cake to be ordered. Parish Life will solicit other offerings of food to be served.
Type of Event: An especially nice social with heavy hors d’oeuvres etc.
Table Set Up: Using high tables throughout the Hall, along with staging food tables.
Invitations: A Letter of Invitation should go out to Parish; AGO members; Robin will inquire about others to be invited.
Food: Menu to be finalized at next commission meeting.
8. **SAT., FEB. 11 – Chili Cook Off**
a. Peg will be our point person for this event.
b. Robin volunteered to be one of the judges.
9. **TUES., FEB. 21 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
10. **Karaoke in “Kostume” – postponed to date to be determined after Easter**

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR for the above opportunities

NEXT MEETING: Wed., JAN. 4 @ 10 am in Trimble Hall