

Notes from November 5th 2013 Parish Meeting

Question 1 – What’s Been Good?

- Music director – fabulous; he sings; he’s enthusiastic
- Increased ownership of events (by parishioners) e.g., progressive dinner, coffeehouse
- Youth group leaders – happy youth
- E-Connections- lets us know what’s happening
- Flower ministry & LEM’s – lets people know they’re part of our community
- 5 o’clock homilies with Q/A
- Sunday sermons
- Having Greg here & his skills in leading us
- Prayer Circle – very meaningful though silent
- Absence of negativity
- Description of lessons in Bulletin
- Men’s luncheon group
- Going “back to basics” with spirituality
- Transparency in decision making
- In general, better communication

Question 2 – What Do We Know About God’s Mission & How Can We Participate In It?

- What do we do in our personal lives to make it constantly in the forefront of our minds?
- Community Services (though it’s the only formal organization in Woodbury)
- Many churches have in-house projects
- Is it more than “doing good deeds?”
- It’s both individual & corporate
- It’s a mystery
- The community is bigger than Woodbury
- We’re living out God’s word – being the eyes / ears of Christ
- It’s not just at SPC – but in our jobs, etc.
- We need to indentify the needs
- We need to see the needs
- FISH – Volunteers quietly helping
- Shahrokh’s arrival – followed by lots of support
- There’s always HOPE
- Even little things can make a difference if it’s intentional
- We have opportunity to do more / do something else, but we “forget” when we walk out the door.
- You have support from community when needed.
- If we’re passionate about serving God, others will join us.
- Connect with people; say thank you.

Question 3 – What Might Happen Here? What Are You Excited About?

- Sustainable youth program / ministry
- Excited about the future
- Potential about creating outreach opportunities & using our energy for others
- Youth group's outreach (animals, Safe Haven, etc)
- Many different ministries that can bring people together
- Identifying people in need – so we can help (How to do it?)
- Feed ourselves first, then the community & then global outreach
- We're building a greater spirit which will spill over to greater community
- Music director needs to appreciate the volunteer choir so he doesn't lose members
- Need a vehicle to reach out to those who have become disenchanted (or the lost sheep) (Use the new directory to identify people?)
- We need to continue having these conversations.