

Minutes of the Discipleship Committee meeting of October 5, 2023

Present: Mary Prickette, Jerry Berg, Jackie Goral, Barb Rueckl, Deb Wegner-Hohensee, Jim Patz (visitor)

Opening prayer – Deb Wegner-Hohensee

Item 1 – Introduction of present members to visitor Jim Patz.

Item 2 – Parish Council Update –

The addition is on target. Several features such as room naming is in the planning stages. Parish-at-large will be invited to participate. The new member dinner will be held Saturday, October 21, 2023. The next dinner will be October of 2024 due to the addition and remodel of the existing space.

Jackie Goral is checking the feasibility of holding an abbreviated version of Entrust at POP. The focus will be parish growth and the creation of leaders while “Making Space for Jesus”.
Reminder: the liturgical year of 2023-2024 will focus on “Making Space for Jesus”.

The book “Beautiful Eucharist” will be given to parish members during Advent.

Item 3 – Advent Pamphlets: Books focused on various age groups will be selected by Deb and Theresa. They include: “Prepare our Hearts”, “Advent Seasoning”, “Learning to love like Jesus”, “Journey to Bethlehem” (calendar); “A Time for Holy Listening”.

The following pieces will be ready for the appropriate seasons: “Little blue book”, “Little black book”, “Little white book”.

Item 4 – Respect for Life update – Jackie reported she and Dcn. Jeff have met with a member of the parish to discuss materials and actions for the month of October which is Respect for Life month. Watch the bulletin and announcements after Masses during the month as to the various opportunities for the parish to participate.

Item 5 – Chosen Update – Jerry reported the participation has been very satisfying. The bulletin will continue to list the up-coming version for each Monday. The discussion at the end of the viewing was very fulfilling and enlightening.

Item 6 – Alpha Update – Barb reported the Alpha team has set a plan in place to go “outside” our brick-and-mortar to bring Jesus Christ to the community. She will give more information at the November meeting.

Item 7 – Christian Mommy Connect Group – Jackie reported the attendees became very engaged in conversation. It was very enlightening to see the need for Moms to get into a Christian setting. They are definitely sharing their faith and spirituality and building relationships. Women learning on other women is paramount.

Item 8 – Advent Adoration Evening will be December 15, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Its purpose is to relate the importance of Advent. Amy will provide the music.

Item 9 – Potential future events

- A. Women’s retreat – Update – Looking for two speakers for a potential event February 24, 2024, in the morning. Suggestions was Sister Laura Zelton. Deb Wegner-Hohensee will contact her to finalize and get her ideas for her address. The subject is at her discretion.
- B. Men’s retreat – Further update at next meeting

Item 10 – Spiritual Growth Opportunities – Jackie encouraged members to check out the Diocesan website to pursue Entrust. There are various dates available for members to attend. Jackie will be pursuing holding a revised version of Entrust at POP.

Closing prayer at 8:15 P.M.