

Discipleship Committee Minutes of April 4, 2024

Members in attendance: Mary Prickette, Jackie Goral, Barb Rueckl, Deb Wegner-Hohensee, Mary Jo Short and James Patz. Guest: Deacon Jeff Prickette

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M. by Committee Chair, Jackie Goral. She led the opening prayer.

Item 1 – Future Religious Education Involvement of Discipleship Committee – A meeting will be held April 16, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. Neal Saindon will give an overview of the plans as we move forward for the parents of the students during the Wednesdays of Religious Education. Further information will be listed in the minutes of the May Discipleship Committee meeting. It is extremely important that we follow the curriculum of the children.

Item 2 – Future speakers – Our committee will be looking at the new space and the possibilities of bringing in speakers (in conjunction with other committees) to address items of interest to our parish and the public such as trafficking. Further discussions will take place at future meetings. The committee discussed many wonderful ideas for the future. We did not make any decisions for the immediate future. We shall continue to discuss ideas at future meetings.

Item 3 – Budget and Discipleship events – The budget has been established for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The dollar amount is reflective of the previous year. We will adjust as needed as we go into the year.

Item 4 – Alpha update – Barb gave plans for the Alpha team as follows: table leadership training will be held this summer; members will wear their “Ask me about Alpha” buttons on June 8th; the information cards will be available for guests at the open house; a schedule of sessions for POP members and the general public will be established at the May 9, 2024 meeting; and, Barb will introduce a new member of the team at that time.

Item 5 – Women’s Retreat summary – Mary Prickette gave an update of the retreat. Sister Zelton was a refreshing, engaging and welcoming speaker. Her message was suitable for the entire parish. We will consider scheduling her for a future date for the entire parish. The attendees enjoyed the sharing time. However, they asked if that time could be extended. As we move forward with our new space, the committee asked that we consider going outside our parish to offer the retreat in the future. We had 48 attendees. That was a very comfortable number for the limited space we had available this year.

Item 6 – Eucharistic Revival – Mary Jo expressed her disappointment in the lack of plans for the parishes by the Diocese. She gave us an update on the path of the revival and the events that are planned. It is going to be a wonderful event.

Item 7 – Jackie Goral gave a synopsis of the Parish Council Meeting. For further details please avail yourself of the Council minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30. Deacon Jeff gave the committee a “walk-through” of the new addition.

Closing prayer was led by Deacon Jeff at 7:26 P.M.

Barbara Rueckl,
Recording Secretary