

Minutes from the Discipleship Committee meeting of May 4, 2023

Members present: Mary Prickette, Jackie Goral, Barb Rueckl and Mary Jo Short

Opening prayer at 6:32 P.M. by Jackie Goral

Item 1 – Parish Council recap – 1. All committees are asked to assist in ideas which brings more of “Jesus” into the picnic; 2. May 30 at 6:30 the Parish Council and Finance Council will choose an architect for the addition; 3. Reminder that movie night is June 8th; 4. Gene Hoelter’s term as secretary/trustee is concluded this year and a replacement must be chosen.

Item 2 – Jackie handed out a preliminary sheet of the budget items and dollars, which will be submitted for the 2023-2024 parish year. These were based on the previous year’s activities of the Discipleship Committee. If you have any changes or suggestions contact her as soon as possible. Also, we received a \$500 grant from the diocese to be used as determined by the committee.

Item 3 – Ladies Retreat Recap – Mary Prickette handed out an extensive report of the retreat held March 11, 2023. It includes suggestions for a future retreat in 2024. The committee will continue to discuss.

At this time it was suggested that we draw up a master listing of future speakers. Mary Jo Short was asked to start the process. The list will include speaker availability, speaker’s focus and compensation. This will allow us to plan one to two years in advance.

Item 4 – Men’s retreat recap – tabled until June meeting

Item 5 – Year of the Eucharist with Dcn. Dave Scheuer – the parish was very pleased with the evening. The survey results were submitted by Becky Krueger. Details to follow.

Item 6 – Breaking Open the Sunday Scripture – Jerry Berg will continue to hold these events during the months of January through April and October & December. He is aware dates may change by intermittent event. Dates will be posted in the weekly bulletin.

Item 7 – Alpha update – Barb Rueckl will work with Becky Krueger to combine “The Chosen” with “Alpha” to create an increased atmosphere of awareness of our faith, Jesus and expanding into the community. From the latest information (nationally) it is strongly suggested to hold a weekend Holy Spirit retreat. Barbara will be scheduling an Alpha team meeting to discuss each of these items. Details to follow.

Item 8 – A lengthy discussion ensued about how Jesus worked through each of us during the past year. These thoughts will be a “kick start” to our current year and into the next year. Results of the discussion will be evident in future events.

Item 9 – The Chosen – Becky Krueger previewed the series which will be held beginning September of 2023. It consists of 8 weeks. Each week begins with a video (each 30 to 60 minutes in length) and a table discussion. The following is a listing of each week’s subject:

1. “I Have called you by name”
2. “Shabbat”
3. “Jesus loves the little children”
4. “The rock on which it was built”
5. “The wedding gift”
6. “Indescribable compassion”
7. “Invitations”
8. “I Am He”

Becky will be asking for assistance from our committee members as the details are finalized. Jerry Berg has accepted the position of evening leader.

Item 10 – Future Ideas:

- Lectio Divina Advent Evening with the Srs. From Mother Mary Catherine (pre-advent event)
- Mass 101 – Dr. Michael Poradek (potential collaboration with Family and Youth)
- Potential Missionary Discipleship formation event – reserved winter date with Julianne Stanz
- Ladies’ retreat and/or Mary Marquardt’s retreat ideas
- Men’s retreat
- Encounter and Conversion through the Diocese

Item 11 – Spiritual growth opportunities:

- Entrust – Various 2023 dates available. See “Entrust” on the Diocesan website. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Closing prayer at 8:32 P.M. by Jackie Goral.

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