



Welcome Committee Minutes
Prince of Peace Parish
September 9, 2024
6:30 p.m.

The POP Welcome Committee held their in-person meeting at POP church on Monday evening, September 9. Meeting attendees included: Kody Hansen, POP office manager, Judy Garot, Jerry & Linda Duchaine, Terry Van Iten, Mary Kay Rukamp, Rosella Hill, Karen Prevost and Phyllis John. Unable to attend were Micheal & Virginia Goral, Anne Kulhanek, Cheryl Skiver and Dennis Rukamp.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis John, Chair. Kody Hansen opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Discussed new membership dinner for parish members who joined the parish from October 21, 2023, thru September 6, 2024, that is scheduled for Sat., October 19, immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass. Currently plans for the event will be held in the St. Francis Community Room. Approximately 70 new members have become parishioners since October 2023. Included in the dinner event will be Welcome Committee members, as well Deb (office staff) and Theresa Williams, office staff, Kody Hansen and Deacon Jeff & Mary Prickette, one member from Parish Council and one member from Finance Council.

Another suggestion was that a form should be handed to the attendees to fill out at registration to present at the dinner, rather than handing the mike to attendees. This would shorten the time spent on introductions. Kody would put together a form to have available at the event.

Another suggestion was brought up that we should have a presentation on the parish committees as to what their responsibilities are, as well as a welcoming video be put together. Kody was going to check into this.

Welcome Tent - Picnic: A lengthy discussion was brought up as to whether we continue having a welcome tent going forward at the parish picnic. There were approximately six new members who stopped by to pick up the picnic vouchers. A motion was made and seconded that we discontinue the welcome tent going forward. Motion carried. Committee members could better utilize their volunteering by handing out flyers after the 10 a.m. Mass. Volunteers can better utilize their time by assisting in other booths throughout the grounds.

The Welcome Committee will host Coffee/Donut Sunday scheduled for **Sunday, March 2, 2025**, and **Sunday, April 6, 2025**, after the 8 and 10 a.m. Masses. Phyllis will send out a reminder prior to these dates for volunteers.

Committee members addressed the new member invites immediately following meeting and will be mailed out from the office. RSVP date is set for October 5. Kody will send out another reminder on Flocknote to new members.

Going forward, committee meetings will take place on either the first or second Thursday of the month. Our next Welcome Committee meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 6, 2025**.

Being no other business for discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Kody Hansen closed with a prayer.

Submitted by: *Phyllis John*, Committee Chair