

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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PRESENT: Casey Haese, Chris Frank, Chelsea Verges, Carolynne Younk , Marlene Larsen, Rheda Jelen, Kathy La Luazerene, Betty Staeven

ABSENT: Mary Bishop, Karissa Tousignant

MINUTES: Approved with one correction – Winterfest is one word, not two.

OLD BUSINESS: The December Candy Cane Hospitality was well received. People really enjoyed the cards on the canes. We will do again next year.

January Cookie Hospitality – Low participation at some of the parishes. Some suggestions were to change the month to Oct. or Nov. Also more promotion would be needed. Will discuss in the fall.

Discussed the article that Chelsea sent to us. We all agree that hospitality is more than “coffee and donuts”. Everyone should feel welcome in our parishes. The greeters are noticing a friendlier atmosphere before mass. We will put more emphasis on introducing ourselves to others during the Mass greeting. Discussed having an insert in the bulletin to recruit more greeters. We all see progress with the greeting ministry. Greeting after mass is also going well.

Chelsea will be working on the greeter schedules for the coming months. Let her know of any preferences of day or time.

NEW BUSINESS: Feb. Event Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 13/14.

The prayer tree is going to be a parish wide event. Intentions will be hung on tree on heart shaped leaves. This will be a “take one, leave one” tree. There will be reminders during mass to pray for these intentions through all the Lenten season.

Nametag weekend is scheduled for Jan. 30/31.

There will be three parish feast days in March. St. Patrick on March 17<sup>th</sup> – Mass is scheduled for 5:30pm. Carolynne will check if there is going to be a dinner. St. Joseph on March 19<sup>th</sup> – Mass is scheduled for 4:00pm. We can have a light hospitality after mass. Annunciation on March 28<sup>th</sup> – Mass is scheduled for 8:00am with a morning hospitality to follow.

Winterfest is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is Tuesday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Chelsea is working on kiosks for each parish with information for visitors. We also discussed having greeter schedules added to the bulletin.

Mardi Gras has been renamed Winter Fest. It is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Next meeting is scheduled for Tues. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.