

Shared Ministry Minutes

Date: 11/12/2011

Attending: Bev Blake, Bryan Carlson, Michelle Roman, Marge Virnig, Sue Peterson (liason to council)

Next meeting: TBD

- Michelle brought up concerns that Ministry Fair sign-up was lower this year. We had a visiting priest on one of the weekends, which meant there were no in-church sign-ups as there has been in the past. Marge said the sign-up was slow, particularly the first weekend, but said there is a general trickling of sign-up forms that come in, and by the end of it, our response probably was that out-of-line with past years.
- Michelle looked at possibility of using Survey Monkey next year. We get only 10 questions free with survey monkey. Marge says St. C's has used Survey Monkey in the past and that we may already have a regular subscription, which means we would not be limited by the number of questions.
- The PDF sign-up form that went out didn't seem to work. It worked fine in Michelle's initial test, but the form sent out to the mass distribution list was unreadable. Bryan will follow-up with Barb in main office to see if Sign-up form can be posted all year round on website.
- Council had question on whether we are posting/doing minutes. Bryan generally does the minutes and sends them to SM committee members. From hereone, he will copy minutes to Barb in main office as well so they can be posted.
- Council had questions about the follow-up procedure for the Fair, particularly in regard to the talents portion. Marge/Michelle gave a brief outline of the Ministry Fair process.
- Acknowledgement letters for ministry fair have not gone out yet. Marge will follow-up with this. It has been a busy fall.
- Appreciation Dinner on 10/27 went well. A smallish turnout. Bev Blake make a chicken-based home-made meal. Thanks much to Bev for her efforts.
- New parishioner packets need to be updated. Bev will work with Michelle on this. We are currently out of NP packets.
- Bev has still not received new parishioner lists to make phone calls. The LOGOS database the diocese uses makes this task quite difficult. And the data is not reliable. Marge knows of 3 new parishioners and will provide that information to Bev so that she can follow up.
- Council was curious about the current census. Marge said she would like to see another census undertaken at St. C's but feels council needs to make this a priority with staff. Marge asked Sue to bring this back to council. Marge talked about the difficulty in updating this information. How best to contact people to see if they are still active at St. C's? Many people come regularly, but don't formally join the church.
- Marge said she wants to invite small groups to meet at church for informal conversation over holidays. This is something she has done in the past. Feels it helps build community.
- Michelle gave update on centennial planning. The major components are in play. Michelle oversaw a meeting in November of several people who expressed an interest in helping with centennial. The centennial "book" is well under way, as well as posters. Michelle feels a meeting of the cooking book people would be helpful. The variety show is on for November. Michael Dennis Browne will write a poem and intercessions for the "opening" and "closing" masses of centennial. Closing mass

on 11/25 will more or less wrap up the centennial. Group talked about having the book done in time for early september orders so that they can have the book in hand come November. Community Life will hold Open House on 11/25 as well.