Meeting notes 11/30/23
Present: Carolyn, Larry, Eva, Fr. Dave, Jack, Bev, Tom, Peter, Ray, Mark, Kim

1. Check-ins
2. Letter to Catholic schools
    a. Fr. Dave asked Peter to table this letter
    b. Fr. Dave has tech issues, unsure if his communication is going through
    c. Requests from parishioners in Jan/Feb to provide subsidy so may be better timing
    d. Peter to draft something once Fr. Dave gets tech issues fixed
    e. Carolyn to help proof
3. Adult Ed series
    a. Larry- great first few months. M. FIeming did the first 2 sessions (gender/sexuality in the Church) using a theological model from SMA. Only con was no time for Q/A.
    b. Tom asks if we should repeat this session? Larry- calendar set for now but great to bring it back in the future.
    c. Claire Willet- LGBTQ history of church. Lively session- did a great job. Gave people the opportunity to make comments/responses. Bev thought it was great. Michael Prendergast will do a Jan session on Synod. Rachel and Valerie on spirituality of eating in Lent, and Apr May and June will be BIPOC series. Carolyn encourages participation. Larry says next year will focus a lot on Scripture.
    d. Fr. Dave- doesn't have a lot of time after Mass to socialize and doesn't want to attend Adult Ed so he doesn't miss coffee and donut time to meet new people.
4. Christmas lights for Church
    a. Christmas lights as an evangelization tool
    b. Fr. Dave says they lack the electrical capacity to do outdoor lights. Could do a new electrical panel but it would be a big job. Maybe for the future.
    c. Electrical system is too old- don't want to risk a fire
5. Name tag update
    a. Bob and JulieGranger started Scrabble nametag- Tom wants to make contact with them about Scrabble nametags. Prevent waste, build community. Not sure what the cost is. Also wants to offer to 12:30 community too
    b. Tom suggests a half sheet at the door with a request for Scrabble nametag and what's needed. Make a party in the community center to make them.
    c. Maybe complete by the spring-ongoing
6. Potluck for Welcoming Committee
    a. 3 issues came up being brought to PC by Tom and Ray
    b. Parish Retreat? Could the Welcoming Committee have their own retreat that would be more focused?
    c. Gay/Lesbian parishioners could be leaders/educated on the whole parish retreat on the distinct spiritual path they experience in Church. Is there value in doing a whole parish retreat?
    d. Used to rent DeLaSalle to use as space for a weekend day retreat

    e. Lots of new people and a retreat would be a great way to see all parts of the community- storytelling as part of the community. What makes us feel invited to the table? Different from a picnic. You can be very intentional and specific
    f. What draws us to this table- potential theme
    g. Next step: create a committee for Parish Retreat. Does the Welcoming Committee want to take the lead?
    h. Fr. Dave suggests naming and making specific invites to people to be committee members. From both 9:30 and 12:30
    i. Welcoming Committee should feel like they can have their own retreat too if that's nourishing
    j. Timeline for committee creation? Tom and Ray to be contacts for the committee
    k. Carolyn to write something for announcements
7. Guest speaker
    a. New Ways Ministry- Frank D and Robert Shrine will be in PDX in December to speak at JHS, but had to reschedule to come back in spring. Wondering if they could come speak at Church?
    b. Fr. Dave- a filipino musician issue recently, had to get approval of the Archbishop. Fr. Dave thinks Sample wouldn't be happy with these 2 speakers coming here. Could have someone at UP make the invitation- Sample flexing that anyone coming from outside the Diocese has to get his blessing.
    c. Tom- unsure of dates when they might come- tabled for now.
8. Directory
    a. It's been 6 yrs since the new directory. Helpful resource for everyone. Current directory is outdated
    b. Concern about photography companies that would try and pressure people to buy packages. Not sure how to get around it.
    c. Last experience didn't go well- lots of work to coordinate and not a lot of participation.
    d. Robbie did the bulk of the organization for 1 and the staff did the other one. Lots and lots of work.
    e. Not everyone felt pressured, but some also see it as a good opportunity to get a quality photo of their family
    f. Mistakes made in getting names right, addresses correct, etc…
    g. Value of the directory is agreed upon but not sure how or who.
    h. Tom has a neighbor who is John Kern's brother who is a professional photographer and he is considering the idea of coming just to take the pictures and not offering packages.
    i. Fr. Dave- work happening on updating database
    j. TBD
9. Eva- 12:30
    a. Prep for Guadalupe celebrations
    b. Collecting donations for Mass and celebration after- Aztec dancers
    c. 5:30am Mananitas

    d. Church has been very full- lots of new people. Lots of kids. Mark asks about patterns of new people? Coming from all over the place.
    e. Peter- will there be Posadas? Eva is not sure but info comes out after Guadalupe. Diana always does it.
10. Carolyn proposes 10 more min
11. Fr. Dave
    a. Liturgy committee: theme changed to how do we find hope in the weariness of the world? Theme for Advent. Fr. Dave asked to give a talk on the same topic.
    b. Reconciliation service timed with Posada. People searching for a safe place to stay
    c. Almost done with work on Church. Last part is finishing the roof. Last bit of scaffolding will come down soon.
    d. Impressive effort made to fund the work that's been done.
    e. Party to celebrate completion- workers invited to come! Sometime in January before Lent
    f. 40 youth for confirmation this year. Bishop Peter is assigned to come, but he doesn't speak Spanish.End of April.
    g. First communion is going well in both 9:30 and 12:30 Masses
    h. Larry- viability study? Got pushed on the shelf, doesn't know what the Archbishop wants to do with that or how he's going to proceed.
    i. New Vicar: Fr. Mark Bachmeyer? Hasn't had much presence historically but now is showing up. Fr. Matt resigned and going on sabbatical
12. Carolyn is going to revisit some agenda items to make sure the follow-up is there.