

Senior Ministry Committee—Sts. Seb's and Catherine's
2014 Implementation Planning
Meeting Minutes—December 11, 2014
Priorities for 2015

Members present: Warren B., Ed D., Ralph and Jane K., Steve O'C., Carol S., & Leroy S.

Senior Ministry Coordination (1)

- Committee members understand the financial issues at both parishes. We are committed to working as volunteers and engaging other parish members as needed. Interfaith Older Adult Programs and other resources in the community will be taped on a regular basis. It will allow us to be creative in how we engage other parish members.

Survey review—discussion of what has been returned

- We reviewed the categories and used the information to help us set our 2015 priorities.
- Plan to share the results: parish websites, bulletin, and the e-list that we have garnered from the survey.
- Senior Ministry Newsletter—will blend our thoughts into the Parish Reflections on Faith—a senior ministry reflections sheet

Homebound Ministry—we discussed training of ministers (2)

- Eucharistic Ministers—Jane and Ralph will act as mentors to new ministers
- We will continue to look for volunteers through the bulletin (already have three)
- Input from St. Vincent DePaul at Seb's—will count on the members and the Outreach Committee to make referrals as well as family members using the cards at the ushers' stands
- Implementation of the *Sending Ritual* after Communion—suggest that we start on Epiphany—Steve will speak to Fr. Larry and Carole.
- Will purchase pixs—already have a number of prayer booklets (*Open Heart and Spirit*)

Presentations on end-of-life issues—Steve and Ed will continue to lead this initiative (3)

- New presentation times—Committee members support a quarterly presentation—to be held on the third/fourth Thursday of the month
 - January 15th—repeat of the last presentation (End of Life Decisions) at St Seb's.
 - March 26th
 - June 24th
 - September 24th

Quarterly Topics

- Sacramental Care at the end of life
- Pre-planning of funerals
- *End of life decisions
- End of life—physical and medical issues (quality of life)

Presentation—time and food, etc.

- 10:00 AM—alternating sites; food would be sub-sandwiches—would take orders and a free will offering
- Contact everyone through the bulletins, pulpit announcements on-line, and the parish websites

Curbside Hospitality (4)

- Feedback to the parish—to be announced after the holidays
- Scouts—have spoken to the leaders—BS and leaders outside; GS in the inside helping with coats, etc.
- Will offer possible service opportunities for the school children and their parents
- St. Catherine's—rely on ushers for assistance—out in the parking lot

Representation on the two Interfaith Boards (5)

- Job Description—being developed—transition to advisory boards
- Possible Members—Lee Schlitz and Robert Krolikowski
- Both parishes will count on their local neighborhood groups for assistance when a family/older adult requests services that are appropriate to the services that they provide in the community.

Social events for older adults—(6)

- The committee will continue to keep the two congregation older adults apprised of the social events and programs offered at the three local centers: Washington Senior Center and the Hart Park Senior Center—both staffed and coordinated by Interfaith and the Sherman Park Gathering Place at Capitol Drive Lutheran Church.
- The committee will continue to work with members to host Intergenerational events in the parishes. The goal: bring families together with all the other members of the parish through educational events and sacramental/worship/prayer events.

Pulpit announcement—discuss dates and how we wish to proceed as a way to roll out the results and plans to meet the needs of our older adults