

Minutes from Pastoral Care Meeting Sunday, December 4, 2016

In attendance: Lilian Revel, Barbara Fennelly, Christine Janus, Lisa Omark

Decisions made:

- Lilian will plan a meeting for the Healing Ministry to be held at Barbara's home Saturday, January 21st from 9:30 through 1:30. All healers and Pastoral Care members are invited.
- Lilian will follow up with Sherrill regarding the location and detail of Columbarium information.
- Barbara will send us several dates for a Columbarium meeting to be held in January at the Parish Office.
- Lilian will follow up with Candy Stannard regarding the Prayer Shawl ministry.
- Lisa will design new welcome cards and organize getting them printed.
- Lisa will meet with Mary Ann, Caren, and Jenny to review this year's Bazaar and to begin to plan for 2017.

1. Team updates:

- Healing Ministry
 - Barbara reported that the ministry is going very well.
 - A meeting for all healers is planned for Saturday, January 21st from 9:30 through 1:30. Currently the meeting will be held at her home. Lilian will plan the meeting. We hope to have healers share experiences and learn from each other. In addition, we hope to have some kind of workshop learning experience where healers can improve their practices.
- Columbarium
 - Barbara gave Rev. Rowena Kemp a copy of Columbarium information that included who has purchased spaces, where they are, and a map of currently available spaces. We are not sure where this information is. Lilian will follow up with Sherrill. In addition, we do not have a complete record of who has paid in full for Columbarium spaces.
 - It was suggested that the committee hold a meeting in early January to review this information, ensure that it is copied and accurate, and that all policies and procedures are clearly outlined. Barbara will give us several dates from which the group will select one.
 - Michael Stringer has been responsible for engraving plates for each box. Lilian will talk with him to see if this is still the procedure.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
 - We generated several questions regarding the procedures for distributing prayer shawls.
 1. How many shawls do we have? Are all of them blessed?
 2. Where are the shawls located?
 3. What is the procedure for distribution?
 4. Do we need a list of recipients?

- Welcoming New Families
 - Our current Welcome Cards are outdated and need revision. Lisa will design new cards, in conjunction with Luk, and have them printed. There was some discussion regarding using the metal card holders on the pews for “prayer request” cards. Lilian has noted that some people choose to be confidential with prayer needs; private prayer cards could be filled out and placed in the Rector’s Box.
- Holiday Bazaar
 - It was suggested that Lisa hold a meeting with Mary Ann, Jenny, and Caren to determine what went well with this year’s Bazaar and to organize planning for 2017.

2. Prayer Requests

- It was suggested that we make a flyer that explains the variety of ways parishioners can make prayer requests. These ways include:
 - Circle of Caring
 - Prayers of the People during services
 - Private prayer cards
 - eNews prayer list
3. The Reformed Pastor by Richard Baxter – Lilian introduced us to this book; we will be reading it throughout the year.
 4. We discussed Pastoral Care at Trinity Church, focusing on the best way to organize and provide care to our parishioners. Although we ran short of time, we began the discussion by looking at the model of Benedictine Spirituality, the “Community of Hope International” which is used at Christ Church in Greenwich. We will follow through on this discussion at our next meeting. In preparation, we will visit the Christ Church website and consider this model at Trinity.

<http://christchurchgreenwich.org/serve/pastoral-ministries/>

5. The meeting concluded at 12:15 PM.