

Parish Council Notes:

6.14.21

- A. Attendees: Bert, Luke, Jamie, Kate, Mark, Jess & Anna
- B. Intro
 - a. Social Gathering after Mass
 - i. Starting middle of summer
 - ii. Do we need to cut back for every Sunday?
 - iii. Cut back on amount of food/effort – find a go-to donut shop
- C. New Parish Council Members
 - a. 3 more folks – come with recos next Sept meeting
 - b. Name tag initiative launching – custom made
 - c. Future of how we welcome folks who identify as “they” and “their” – progressive discussion
- D. Mass Announcements
 - a. Parish council monthly announcements starting in Sept after Labor Day
- E. Environmental Ministry “Caring for Creation”
 - a. 8-person ministry
 - i. Developing mission statement
 - ii. Monthly environmental schedule where parishioners can also participate
 - iii. Develop something more visible – i.e. March planting
 - b. Arch to come and evaluate buildings facilities to identify where we can become more environmentally friendly (cost, timing, etc.)
 - i. Specifically, solar panels, improve kitchen, etc.
- F. Fall Ministry Fair
 - a. Stewardship committee leads
 - b. Takes place in Oct
- G. Alpha (Kate and Mark)
 - a. Next step – identify non-Catholic Lincoln Park folks
 - i. Hand out postcards, create a banner - “More than Life than My Job?”
 - ii. Alpha USA reached out to Mark to set up an Alpha specifically for LGBTQ & Spanish communities in the Fall
- H. Summer Event in the Parking Lot
 - a. Mass/social event – still TBD
 - i. Take place in a courtyard?
- I. Ministry of Divorced Catholics
 - a. In development
- J. Running out of space
 - a. Specifically, storage - maintenance items, fridges, tables, cleaning supplies, etc.
 - b. Use more of the gathering space?
 - i. Use space differently for groups
 - c. June/July is cleanup time!
- K. Night Ministry
 - a. Coming back!!

- b. Father Frank start putting word out – getting volunteers, leaders, etc.
 - c. Lincoln Park and Old Town partnerships
 - i. St T's would be the centralized location for cooking and partnering
 - d. Create easier recipes – create a recipe binder
- L. Closing Prayer