

**Pastoral Care Board
Minutes
February 13, 2020**

Present: Pam Hayes, *Chair*, Michele Barkalow, Susan Chase, Janet Fox, Sharon Sands

Opening Prayer

Pam opened the meeting with a prayer at 4:58 p.m.

Check ins:

Bereavement – Janet reported that the next session of Walking through Grief will be offered in conjunction with Trinity United Methodist Church, and will begin on March 4. The eight-week program is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. The group will meet in the library at Trinity. Pre-registration and a commitment to attend all sessions are not required, and there is no cost to participants.

Stephen Ministry – Susan reported that all Stephen Ministers would be attending a session at Southport Presbyterian Church on Alzheimer’s Syndrome. This will count as their monthly continuing education. The Stephen Ministers have also agreed to take on some pastoral care duties in the absence of an assistant priest. They will be trained as temporary lay ministers, to provide visits to parishioners in hospitals, nursing homes, and rehab facilities until a new priest is on board.

Daughters of the King – Sharon talked about how new members of the Daughters are informed of the chapter, and how to get people added to the prayer list. The group generally meets at the home of Priscilla Wheeler, with about 10 regulars in attendance of the total group of 20 members. Fr. Bill Eberle led a healing service for the group.

Medical Equipment Library – Michele suggested that Stephen Ministers, Pam and she herself can help the people they see become aware of the pastoral care resources that might be beneficial to them – the grief group, Stephen Ministers and the loan of medical equipment. She distributed a list of community resources, with contact information.

New Business

Community of Hope International - Pam described this program for training people to function essentially as chaplains. This ministry requires extensive and intensive training. Fr. Eric will speak about chaplaincy on March 4, and people who are interested are encouraged to attend also to visit the website: www.cohinternational.org. Training is likely to begin shortly after Easter.

Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 5:40 p.m. with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting: March 12, 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Fox