

Parish Life Board Meeting

March 5, 2020

Attending: Father Eric, Joanne Valente, Paul Miller, Rose Dahill, Deborah Jordan, Frazer Crane, Jane Mitchell and Tink Shelton.

The meeting was opened by a reading together of Psalm 32.

Paul Miller was welcomed as the representative of the Men's Club; Jane Mitchell was welcomed as a substitute representative from ECW. Marty Younts will be the regular ECW representative.

Father Eric presented his ideas on one way that neighborhood groups could be organized at St. Philips. He has used this program successfully in a previous parish. It is a very structured program beginning with 10 weeks of building trust and community with a group of 5-10 neighbors using a framework of prayer, study and fellowship. After the initial 10 weeks, the group would begin weekly meetings in someone's home. Three weeks each month would focus on prayer and study, one week would be a "fun" gathering---dinner, movie, etc. These small "faith communities" would be the first responders to any concerns of group members and would let the clergy know about anything that needs their attention. Father Eric ended by reminding us that this program has worked successfully in many churches, but that it is not the only way to form neighborhood faith communities.

There was some discussion of the pros and cons of this model. Much more discussion is needed.

More greeters are needed at the 8:00 services on Sunday. It was suggested that the ushers could help. Joanne will ask the VPOD to ask for volunteers at the 8:00 service.

Paul Miller said that the Men's Club will meet later in March. They will discuss the lobster sale, currently scheduled for June 6. If the new parish hall is under construction, the area along Dry Street may not be available for their use. The monthly breakfasts have been discontinued for lack of attendance, but will begin again when we have the new parish hall. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a great success. Eighty people attended; the food ran out.

A New Members and Newcomers Social will be held on March 13 from 5 to 7 pm at Cape Fear House. We are expecting 23 guests, plus members of the vestry and the Parish Life Board. Wine, water and finger-food appetizers will be served.

Marianne Darzano and Deborah Jordan are planning the Easter Brunch for the choir.

The service at Brunswick Town is scheduled for the 1st Sunday in May. Someone is needed to coordinate the lunch after the service. A guide to what needs to be done is available.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tink Shelton