

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 8, 2020

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Jan, Louise, Eileen, Lisa, Linda (via phone call)

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 at Kolbe Hall. Minutes from the October meeting were already approved via e-mail.

UPDATE CARING HANDS: Linda was not able to attend the meeting, but was on speaker phone with us. She told us that a woman read the article in the Adams Council on Aging newsletter and was interested in donating stuff to the group and joining the Caring Hands. The group donated 15 lap-ghans and 15 shawls to the Council on Aging to be distributed to seniors. In addition to this, in the last five years, they have donated children's hats to cancer patients at Boston Children's Hospital, the Jimmy Fund, and several Ronald McDonald Houses. They also provide slippers to the Parish's "Angel Program", and donate handcrafted items to the Fall Fest, and St. Stan's School Bazaar. They also delivered 34 lap-ghans to nursing home residents and shut-ins who are parish members. They present a blanket to babies baptized in our parish, made "premie" hats, sweaters, and blankets for NICUs at Baystate and Albany Medical Center. In addition, they also make Chemo Caps for cancer patients and Prayer Shawls for the cancer centers at Hillcrest in Pittsfield and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, VT.

OLD BUSINESS: Updating the scripts on the greeting cards that we send out - Some of the members suggested different statements and it was decided to keep the current scripts and we could change the wording if we wanted to, as long as the intent was the same.

PICNIC: The first official Parish Picnic meeting will be held this Sunday, January 12th at Kolbe Hall. The picnic is going to be on August 16, 2020. Family Life Committee will be in charge of the Childrens' games again this year. We will have further discussion at our next meeting. Members were asked to think about games, prizes, themes, and other suggestions.

POINSETTIA PROGRAM: Jan, Louise, Lisa (and son, Danny) spent a morning with the CCD classes as they wrote out Christmas Cards which were attached to poinsettias and delivered to Parish members who are shut-ins residents at nursing homes.

FUTURE OF THE FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE: We have a total of five members in the committee. Our most recent member, Lisa Collins, is a very welcomed addition to the committee. Jan and Louise have been Chair and Secretary for a long time and are ready to step down. An effort is needed to bring in new members to run the programs that the FLC does... greeting cards, children's games at picnic, Poinsettia program, and anything else the committee may wish to do. New, fresh ideas could come from additional members. Linda has the Caring Hands sub-committee under control and productive.

GREETING PROGAM: December lists have not been received yet. Members will each be assigned a portion of the list when received, and cards can be written at home

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:50. NEXT MEETING - APRIL 8, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted, Louise Charron, Secretary, 01/08/2020

Via email - Motion to approve - Lisa Collins Second - Louise Charron Minutes unanimously approved.

Minutes unanimously approved.