

## House Church Leadership Committee MEETING

Church Alcove (11/15/16)

### Attendees:

Rick Gausmann	Chairman/HC Grafton
Dave Kenneally	Vice-Chairman/HC Poquoson North
Connie Topp	HC Running Man
Sharon Bender	HC Tabb High & HC Carey's Chapel
Terry & Ginny Johnson	HC Valmoore & HC Westover
Sheila Horan	HC Woodlake & HC Coventry

### Missing:

Dave Stallard	HC Poquoson East
Dick & Kathy Stocchetti	HC Tabb Lakes & HC Kiln Creek

### House Churches without leaders:

HC Poquoson Central; HC Poquoson West

### Old Business:

- Charter: Wait until we have direction from the pastor. We can elicit input from our house churches regarding the charter and any changes.

### New Business:

- Discussed New members to the parish – what was done and what is done. House church leaders used to visit the new members of their house church and take them a welcome packet about the parish. Now, new members register at the parish and are given information by the staff. Do want to change this or expand on it?
- House church purpose
  - used to be:
    - Faith formation (Education)
    - Input to the parish/governance
    - Communication
    - Fellowship
    - Establish relationships
  - Other groups that also implement the above purposes and complement the house churches are:
    - Parish Council
    - Mom's Group
    - Men's breakfast
    - Women's Bible study
  - House churches need to help support these groups.
  - Things to consider doing:
    - Have a collective way of letting people know the value of the house church

- Need to assess needs of the people and see what we need to do to meet those needs (Adjust HC is necessary) and what the house churches should do (gets back to charter and directive from the parish).
    - Re-register and survey of the families of the parish
- Other inputs/updates:
  - Add to the house church website:
    - Leadership roster
    - Parish/house church map
  - Men's breakfast:
    - The group will be looking at Fathers and how the men's group can assist men to be better fathers (Mentor the young fathers). They are looking at a material to use as a foundation – Christ Among Us was recommended to help build up faith.
    - The men's breakfast discussed parish mission/vision progress which is on hold.
- Prayer Garden has been completed – take a look, it is very nice. (outside church by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)
- Discussed some liturgy preferences during communion:
  - Encourage all to come forward for communion or a blessing. Let people know it's OK to come forward for a blessing – that way all people could come forward in the procession.
  - When to sit/stand during communion.
  - It was expected that these questions would be answered at the workshop Nov 17, 2016.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at the church

Sheila Horan, Secretary