

**House Church Leadership Committee MEETING**  
**Church Library**  
**Date: 5/9/2017**

**Attendees:**

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

**Missing:**

Dave Stallard	HC Poquoson East
Dick & Kathy Stocchetti	HC Tabb Lakes & HC Kiln Creek
Connie Topp	HC Running Man

**House Churches without leaders:**

HC Poquoson Central; HC Poquoson West

**Old Business:**

- **Soup Suppers:** The soup suppers went well and had consistent attendance of around 60 each time. It was felt that the various program offerings and Father's presence encouraged people's attendance.
- **Parish Pastoral Council:** This Wednesday (5/10) the PPC will be meeting to focus on a survey to be given to the parish to get input to help form the parish vision and mission. There was some discussion as to who would be involved in forming the vision for our parish – After the survey, who would be involved in the process, will there be other volunteers involved and how would they be selected?

**New Business:**

- The food pantry needs help to keep the shelves filled. The SHARE program is no longer available to the food pantry (that helped provide fresh meat, fruits and vegetables). They need assistance to meet this need. It was suggested that we include this need in the bulletin and that along with the weekly items that are needed for the food pantry we include that money donations can be made as well, and include (if possible) how much money they need per month (a goal), and how many people a certain cash donation (like \$10 or \$25) would feed.
- Lent Soup suppers possible alternative: The Knights of Columbus are interested in sponsoring Fish Fry's during lent. This could be in place of the current soup supper, or in addition to the soup supper. Some discussion ensued and it was felt that we should keep the soup suppers as they are, and perhaps have the fish fry some other time – summer? Please bring this up at the house churches to get input on what the house churches would prefer.
- Some general questions/suggestions came up:
  - Parish directory – when will that happen. The latest we've heard is that it may happen in August
  - Can we have the printed homily available to parishioners during the mass and to the home bound? The homies are currently on the parish website, and Father has approved the printing of the homilies for the homebound.

- HC Woodlake Crossing has asked the Picnic committee if we could have an area to meet house church members so inactive members could come and meet HC members and make a connection and then perhaps come to HC meetings.
- Can Father recognize Anniversaries (monthly) with a special blessing?
- We should all thank Father for setting up the altar server ministry
- House Church Activities
  - Valmoore & Westover: Meet first Wednesday/month. Pray the breviary each time. They have a hosted dinner, with other members bringing complimentary items potluck. The host location rotates. Dinner is followed by a video, discussion or speaker. Then they share dessert, and leave between 9 -9:30PM. They get 19-20 people monthly. They just enjoy being together
  - Running Man: They do service by helping with the St. Paul soup kitchen one Sunday/month.
  - Poquoson North: They rotate meeting location. House sponsor provides all the food, everyone brings their own beverage.
  - Grafton: Currently doing potluck at the church (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday). The leader provides beverage. They have been doing formation DVD's and have had a music performance at one meeting.
  - Woodlake Crossing and Coventry: Meet (usually) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the church for a potluck dinner, sharing and intercessory prayer for the intentions of our members. This year we've studied the gospel of Luke, and had introductory sessions to Church of the Latter-Day Saints, Islam and Judaism (with a Passover celebration). We have supported our members, the Haiti program, and Newsome Bailey project.
  - All the house churches help with the soup suppers, and help by giving turkeys to the food pantry. Most take the summer off.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at the church.

Sheila Horan, Secretary  
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