

Keeping You in the Know – September –2021

Hello Folks,

There is a plan. “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry”... Scary I remember that from way back in high school. Why I remember that and not more important things I’ll never understand. Anyways, I hope this plan doesn’t go awry and with your help it won’t. Here is the plan:

Communicate Needs, Concerns, Ideas (this is our Suggestion Box / Action Center) → Determine Priorities → Engage Volunteers as Appropriate → Complete the Work → Communicate Results of our Work

We started the Suggestion Box / Action Center for communication - check that one off the list. Next part of the plan, we need to **gather parishioner talent** so that we can engage volunteers as appropriate. Time, talent, and treasure; the fundamentals of what we as parishioners are asked to share. In order for us to manage our talent we need to know what it is. To that end we’ve created a web form located at:

<https://qhrwea.church/talent>

Please take time to complete this form so we can create an updated listing of our parishioner talent. Your talent could range from construction, painting, general repair, plumbing, electrical, to teaching and childcare, medical personnel, public speaking, etc. This talent pool can be used for many parish functions and parish groups. One function is for facilities & grounds maintenance another, for our school of religion. We will tweak and improve this form over time. In the near future, we’re going to refresh our **Facilities & Grounds** committee to manage volunteers for various projects. We’ll provide priorities to them by reviewing action center items and they, in turn, will review our talent pool, and engage the appropriate volunteers, manage the job, and get it done. We’re adding parishioners to this committee that have a good handle on this talent pool. Our goal is to use volunteer talent to off load work and reduce budget impact of professional services. Not only can you help by volunteering you’ll meet some great folks as I’ve been lucky enough to do. They become fast friends. This was exemplified by the turnout of volunteers for the painting of the interior rooms at the daycare.

As jobs are finished not only will we communicate back to those who’ve completed the Suggestion Box / Action Center requests, but we’ll communicate within this “Keeping You in the Know” article those of major impact.

After we get all of these plans in place, processes determined, etc., we’ll be sending out additional communications via the bulletin and possibly Flocknote. That’s the plan and I’m sticking to it until I’m told otherwise or thrown to the wolves, whichever comes first. 😊



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