

Meeting Minutes for the Spiritual Enrichment Ministry
August 24, 2020

As usual, our meeting began with a short prayer. We then began discussing plans for our October 24 event. We've had some trouble contacting Father Hawkins, so we tabled discussion of theme and publicity until we're further along with him.

We did discuss logistics - we believe as many as 84 attendees are possible, depending on several questions that must be settled with parish staff on sanitation requirements, Mass schedule, and possible times. Members of the logistics subcommittee will follow on these questions.

Next, we discussed our planned October 3rd Virtual Community Get Together.

We'll call it "Chili Saturday - A Virtual Parish Social," and plan to hold this on Zoom on October 3, beginning at 5:30 pm.

We'll begin with brief introductions from everyone present, answering a simple, positive question: "What is something good that happened in your life recently?" We will try to stay in one group for the event. If there are a lot of attendees, we might have to break up into smaller groups. We discussed various ways to promote this event. Jim volunteered to create an announcement to share - "Bring your favorite chili and join us!" (This was already completed and looks fabulous - thanks again, Jim!)

We then discussed showing a Pivotal Players (in Catholic history) episode virtually. Several committee members watched the episode on St. Francis together and all found it enjoyable and educational. Dante has the access to these videos. We'll schedule with him once he gets his Fall teaching schedule. We're hoping to schedule this event for the second weekend of October. We plan to show the video, and allow for some brief discussion time after the presentation.

We then discussed our Advent Morning of Reflection - "A Walk One Winter's Night." Lori will adapt this event from an Advent retreat day she facilitated a few years ago. There are several questions to answer as we plan for this event. For one, could we hold an in-person event? The event logistics will take some planning if it is in-person - we'd need to include the need for sanitizing into those plans. Saturday, December 12, is a possibility for the date. We will continue to develop these ideas, and how the October event unfolds will inform our planning and expectations. We also will explore the possibilities of making this event available both live and virtually.

Finally, we informally discussed some ideas to reach parishioners with no or limited access to technology. We will reach out to other parish ministries to discuss ideas, like prayer groups on porches or parking lots, or even one outdoor Mass. These ideas require further development.

September 14, 2020, will be our next meeting, at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Lori will send out the link and agenda.