

Spiritual Enrichment Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2020

We began with a prayer and moved into discussing our **October event**. Father Burke approved the event. Next, Lori will contact Father Hawkins and invite him to speak. We also will contact the parish office to get on the calendar. (*We have since secured the date and Father Hawkins has agreed to be our speaker. We may need to adjust the date pending his schedule.*)

Our suggested topic is Finding God, Finding Hope

We hope to make this event both an inspirational talk & a community builder for a parish family in need of community. We will work with Father Hawkins to further develop this event

Speaker: Fr. Hawkins

Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 afternoon

(date and time will need to be confirmed pending the announcement of Seminary graduation exercises)

Advertising Plans:

Bulletin announcement/email/newsletter announcement

Flyer stuffed inside bulletin (ask Cathy for help with flyer)?

announced at Masses & on Facebook

We might possibly call parishioners to invite them to this event.

Logistics to work on:

We will need to sanitize the church following the Saturday or Sunday Mass, and again after the event is over. We will need to work this out with Fr. Burke & the rectory staff.

We might want to note that sanitation and social distancing will be implemented in advertising for this event.

We will need greeters to seat people in appropriate seats

There will be no refreshments, due to pandemic concerns.

The COVID situation is still volatile. We need to stay flexible as we plan this event. If restrictions on gatherings increase, we will postpone the event rather than cancel it. We also could consider turning it into a Zoom event if the situation warrants it.

Other Business

Dante has suggested showing a “Pivotal Players” video on St. Benedict and St. Augustine for a possible online event. He will contact committee members to propose a date to preview a video together on Zoom and do some planning. There are many topics in this video series. The group suggested possibly adding an icebreaker activity to introduce the video and/or providing a short discussion after the video is shown.

Faith Sharing via Zoom –

Sunday afternoons are attended a small but relatively stable group. Thursday evenings have been more sparsely attended - usually we have 2-4 committee members and possibly 1-2 parishioners not on this committee.

We discussed moving to a new format: instead of discussing the gospel, discuss a question of faith, such as how is your faith getting you through this pandemic. The group decided to stay with the current format - the faith questions tend to come out in the discussion and sharing.

Really, discussions have been good. We discussed a few topics related, namely:

- how to invite people in
- maybe change up the times we offer this opportunity
- maybe write some new headlines or change up the bulletin announcement
- members can and should invite people personally

Finally, we’ve had a lot of discussion at each meeting on the continued need to provide spiritual nourishment and community during the isolation of

the COVID pandemic. We will continue to look for creative ways to reach out and support our parish family.

We tabled further discussion because it was getting late. Next meeting is **Monday, August 10, 2020, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.**