

Spiritual Enrichment Ministry
Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2020

We began with a short prayer. We then had a good discussion with Fr. Hawkins on the theme for the October 24 event.

We had a broad discussion on the ideas that we are facing a new normal both in relation to COVID-19 and the ongoing reorganization of the Church in Pittsburgh. Key points we touched on included the importance of involving the laity and moving the laity in from the margins of the Church; the importance of community/loss of community; and the importance of spirituality. This discussion led us to defining the topic as “finding hope, growing/cultivating community & deepening spirituality.” Therefore, the event title will be “Finding Hope Through Community & Spirituality.”

Jim suggested having 3 parishioners giving 3-5 minute reflections on the theme after Fr. Hawkins speaks. We’ll need to identify people willing to speak.

There will then be time for questions and discussion by attendees.

Jean will contact Fr. Tom to confirm the event time - Sunday, 3 pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday, 10/25/2020, and she will discuss details related to health and sanitation practices needed.

We need to confirm the date is on church calendar with Cathy R.

We hope to provide a virtual opportunity to attend this event live on Zoom Facebook Live, hopefully in a way that lets people interact with the presentation. Recording the presentation and making it available on YouTube is another option. We will need to look into possibilities with this. Dante will

contact Melissa Viator about these questions. We'd like to advertise these options.

We also discussed that people without internet can call into a Zoom call still. One possible issue with calling in is that it might be a toll call. Jim put together a wonderful instructional graphic to promote this feature to parishioners.

We need to do a save the date and then bulletin announcements promoting this event once final details and times are confirmed with Fr. Burke.

We then discussed plans for a "Virtual Chili Saturday," on Saturday, October 3, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The announcement has been sent and looks great - thank you, Jim! We need to confirm with Cathy R. that there is a Zoom link for this event on the parish Zoom account.

We then discussed the plan to show Word on Fire's Pivotal Players series over Zoom. Dante will show the St. Francis episode on Wednesday, October 7, at 7 pm, pending a date confirmation with the parish office. Also, Dante will work w/ Cathy R. to send out an announcement and get a Zoom link for this event. Either Lois or Lori will attend to provide Zoom support as needed.

Discussions of the Advent Day of Reflection were tabled for this meeting. We first need to confirm the plans with Fr. Burke.

We set our next meeting date for Monday, October 12, at 7 pm on Zoom.