

Parish Groups and Activities Commission Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2014

Attendees: Dave Tucci, Dave Drajna, Mary Ann Kaiser, Ralph Arnott, Glenda Burrows, Kathleen Delaune, Rita Arndorfer. Guest: Loretta Witkowski. Absent: Jim Rogosheske, Bob Denton, Steve Arndorfer

After our opening prayer, Dave T. welcomed everyone and introduced Rita Arndorfer, our new staff representative. Various handouts were distributed, including an updated PGA Commission roster.

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and no comments offered. The PLC minutes were reviewed by Ralph with no significant comments to add at this time.

Loretta Witkowski was welcomed to present info about the Funeral Lunch Committee.

- Started in 1983 with a request by Fr. Murtaugh.
- Went to catering 3-4 years ago (caterers need a MN license; currently over 10 to choose from).
- Callers (4 women) get 4 volunteers for desserts and 2 volunteer workers for each funeral.
- She is notified of a funeral and lunch needs (if, when and how many).
- This committee provides desserts, beverage, set up, servers and clean up.
- Previously donations were used for SJB projects but once they went to catering, fewer donations.
- This year they are planning to make a donation for the Rectory Chapel.
- Volunteers have a catered lunch (with report) in recognition for their service.
- SJB provides various supplies needed.
- They operate with no carryover of funds (zero budget by June 30th).
- Always need volunteers and donations.
- They provide lunch for about 50 funerals per year, serving about 5000.

Dave exhibited the PGA Commission Mission Statement book crated to keep copies of mission statements for all the assigned groups and activities. We also discussed the PGA Constitution and Bylaws. The version provided seems acceptable. These will be reviewed for needed revision periodically.

Regarding presentations for the next meeting:

- Dave T. will tell us all about Men's Fellowship.
- Mary Hartz will be invited to discuss Senior Spirits.
- Ruthey Mahlum will be invited to talk about the Girl Scouts.

Note that the next meeting is December 17th.

Outgoing Commission members:

Outgoing members (1 year terms) will rotate off all Commission on June 30, 2015. New members joining will have 3 year terms. Our members rotating off are Kathleen Delaune, Dave Drajna and May Ann Kaiser. These members are free to join the PGA Commission again (one time only) or join a different commission.

Dave T. and Rita will represent our commission and attend the PLC this evening, following our commission meeting.

Our meeting concluded with the Amazing Parish Prayer.

Recorder: Ralph Arnott