

Minutes of the August 9, 2021  
Cathedral of St Joseph Welcome Committee

The meeting was opened with prayer and roll call was taken.

Brandon Atchison decided to pursue another ministry and asked to be excused from the Welcoming Committee. He was responsible for reaching out to the parishioners who registered during the month of July. Jane Ann Brucks offered to take that responsibility.

An exchange of experiences when reaching out to new parishioners was made. One member related how the initial phone call concluded with the new parishioners joining the Cathedral's choir. We discussed ways to continue to reach out to our new parishioners by means of reminding them of upcoming events or opportunities to get to know others in the parish family (attending breakfast and other dinners hosted by the KC's and school; participating in events like the parish bazaar; etc.)

Considerable discussion centered around the new Cathedral of St Joseph Welcome Committee badges. Several options were discussed including leaving them all together in a designated place in the Ushers room and/or each member taking a badge home and being responsible for its safe keeping and wearing it to Mass and other parish activities. The pros and cons of each option was extensively discussed. It was decided that those members who wish to take responsibility for a badge could take it home; those who preferred could leave it in a designated receptacle to be available when they attend Mass and other parish activities. The badges to be left in the Ushers room have each been placed in a resealable plastic baggie with the Committee member's name on the bag; the extra badges are also in individual resealable baggies and are available for use as needed.

The Committee had asked for permission to host a Name Tag Sunday perhaps during the month of September. We were advised to postpone this event until later due to the recent rise in cases of COVID. This will be revisited at the next meeting with a possible alternative plan to be developed.

The Welcome Committee has been designated as the umbrella ministry for the Greeters. Members of the Welcome Committee were encouraged to sign up as “substitute” Greeters. If signed up as a “substitute Greeter”, they would only be contacted if a regularly assigned Greeter was not able to serve in their designated time slot. Members would need to contact Darlene Kliethermes in the Parish office to add “substitute Greeter” to their ministry list. Julie Gates, the Parish Resource Coordinator, asked for member of the Welcome Committee to volunteer to serve as liaison between the Greeters and herself. Malissa Briggler volunteered to serve in this liaison capacity.

A draft of a Parish Activities Resource pdf is still in progress. The subgroup who volunteered to develop this document indicated they hope to have a draft before the next meeting.

Members of the Committee were encouraged to sign up for an hour of praying for Vocations using the Christ the High Priest icon and book of prayers.

Members of the Committee were asked to assist in contacting parish families who had not yet picked up their 2019 Pictorial Directory.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Next meeting: Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the St Joseph room.

Lori Antweiler absent

Brandon Atchison resigned as member

Cristal Backer\_\_X\_\_

Pat Biggerstaff\_\_X\_\_

Dena Brand\_\_X\_\_

Malissa Briggler\_\_X\_\_

Jane Brucks\_\_X\_\_

Jennifer Campbell \_\_X\_\_

Julie Gramlich absent

Brenda Haugen\_X\_\_

Ashlie Lester absent

Verna Luebbert\_X\_\_

Julie Morris\_X\_\_

Marilyn Nobbman\_\_X\_\_

Lori Stoll\_\_X\_\_

Marie Walden\_X\_\_

Mary Walsh\_\_X\_\_