

February 11, 2021

Visioning Committee Initiatives Meeting

I. Church Directory and Providing Support –

Progress on this initiative as is nearing completion. There are a few contacts that either have not responded to messages or are no longer at our contact information. Patty volunteered to follow-up with Casey Rusco who now lives in New York.

II. New initiative –

- A. Pastor Craig brought up the possibility of starting a Birthday Club. He explained that at one or more of the churches he has served at, the secretaries managed a birthday file of church members and would prepare a birthday card at the appropriate time for each and leave it on Pastor Craig's desk to write a personal message before sending it out. He admitted that it was often difficult to come up with a personal message and that the task could become tedious. However, he often received grateful feedback.

Discussion continued about whether this should be an initiative our church should undertake. Questions centered around the following: Do we want to do it? Should we include anniversaries? What are the details? How do we collect the dates and about record keeping?

The consensus was to start with a simple project by collecting birth dates and anniversaries from interested members. We can ask interested members for the information in the *Parish News*. That information can then be used to announce birthday greetings in future issues of the *Parish News*, and/or *The Fish*, and/or church bulletins. Assuming approval by the Ad Council, we expect implementation on April 1. Once the simpler project is running smoothly, we can consider expanding the project in two ways: (1) Add anniversary greetings. And (2) send the greetings in hand-written cards. This would be more demanding, but also a more gratifying undertaking. One way to ease the load would be to have committee members draft a number of different paragraphs to choose from when writing the cards. Then Pastor Craig or other volunteers could select appropriate greetings to inscribe in cards and before signing and sending them

After further discussion, it was decided we would present this initiative to the Ad Council on February 24th and if approved, begin collecting the dates through the February 26th weekly *Parish News* requesting church members to submit birthdays and anniversary dates. Dates would be recorded in our master file used for the *Directory* and church newsletter, *The Fish*.

B. The Calendar of Visioning Committee Events was not discussed.

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting, likely via Zoom, is scheduled for Thursday, March 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Events

March	•	September	•
April	•	October	• Bring a Kid to Church Month
May	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)	November	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)
June	•	December	•
July	•	January	•
August	•	February	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)

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