

St. Mary Parish, Milton
PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION
Minutes

November 14, 2017

Present: Betty Jo Ban, Marci Brandt, Mary Jane Hendricks, Barb Hensgen,
Vicki Kersten,
Excused: Clarence Lornson

- I. **Prayer** - The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. with prayer.
- II. **Minutes** – The minutes of the August 8, 2017 meeting were approved as written.
- III. **Reports**
 - A. **Bereavement Ministry:** Widow Support Group met on October 31 after daily mass. They prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
 - B. **Camillus Ministry:** Everything continues to go well. Blood pressure screening was last weekend (Nov 11/12). Thank you Fr. Dave for announcing at the end of mass.
 - C. **Card-Sending Program:** Continues to go well. Staff will send Jean McCartney list of 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries for 2018 soon. Mari Anne Warren continues to prepare cards for families who have lost a loved one.
 - D. **Funeral Lunch Program:** We recently had three funeral lunches within a few weeks of each other. Co-chairs Ron Yoss and Andy Weberpal did a great job of arranging their group leaders and volunteers.
 - E. **Lourdes Ministry:** Clarence was unable to attend today, but reported that he has all days at Mercy Hospital covered for communion for the rest of the month. If there comes a time when he is struggling to find volunteers or substitutes, he will let us know.
 - F. **Visitations to Homebound:** Two individuals have moved from Milton Senior Living, so they were removed from our listing. Barb now meets monthly with 6-7 ladies for lunch. Margaret Cox is new resident who would like to join parish.
 - G. **Cluster Pastoral Care Meeting:** Clarence attended the last meeting and reported there was nothing that would affect Milton at this time.
- IV. **Discussion**
 - A. Advent Bereavement Service is Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. with a social to follow in the center. New candles will be put together by Betty Jo and Donna. Fr. Dave will need to announce that candles are to be taken home. Invitations will be sent the week after Thanksgiving to all families who have lost a loved one in the past 3 years and will run in the bulletin until the event. Two tables will be used in the Gathering Space for the event – one to distribute candles and the

other to write names of deceased on card. "Light refreshments" will be added to the bulletin announcement so attendees know to eat prior to coming. We will have cheese tray, veggies, various sweet breads, cookies/brownies, coffee, lemonade and water. Betty Jo and Mary Jane will set-up the room at 4:30 that evening.

- B.** The Christmas party at Milton Senior Living is December 12 following the 3:00 p.m. mass. Mary Jane will look into something other than poinsettias to give to the Catholic residents. Food will be cheese tray, relishes/fruit, sweet breads and Chex mix. Set up is at 2:30. One of the residents indicated to Barb that she would lead everyone in Christmas Carols. Barb will verify and plan for 3-4 songs.

- V. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m.
 - Chair: Marci Brandt
 - Prayer: Betty Jo Ban

- VI. Adjourn - 11:04 a.m.**