

November 21, 2024, Minutes

Present: Deacon Pam, Kathy Medici, Priscilla Wheeler, Michele Barkalow, Beckie Armstrong, Jenny Edwards. Absent: David Sonnenfeld, Susan Chase, David Gruber (reported via email)

Deacon Pam opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the August 27 meeting were reviewed. Michele made a motion to approve, Beckie seconded. The minutes were approved. Individual ministries gave their updates.

CoHI: Going well with addition of Deacon Pam; there seems to be a reinvestment in the program and new energy. A combined meeting with the Stephen Ministers is planned for January 12, 2025, to brainstorm our combined roles and how they might complement each other.

Bereavement: Kathy reported that the current Walking Through Grief program is going well and seems to be helpful and well-received. We are getting good feedback, that the program is making a difference for the participants. Planning another session perhaps beginning in February.

Women's Group: Beckie reported that there are eight members that meet at her house. They are currently reading and discussing the book, "The Gifts of Imperfections." The group focuses on nurturing, spirituality, and confidential, mutual support. Beckie is hoping to start another group in Lent.

Medical Equipment Library: Michele reported that all is well, and all equipment is accounted for.

Daughters of the King: Priscilla reported that they are currently meeting the third Saturday of the month, with 7 to 10 members attending on average. They provide a hospice meal once a month for SECU Hospice House. Each meeting they present a program and conclude with fellowship. There is a general chapter meeting coming up. Discussion was had about the potential of a training session since we have so many new members.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Jenny commented that they have about 5 core members contributing, with a few extra at times. The new prayer shawl "ladder" in the narthex looks great and they are pleased.

Friday Men's Group: had its quarterly breakfast in the parish hall on November 15th. All but three (3) members attended the breakfast. They were traveling. FMG membership is holding at a constant 16 members who regularly attend week to week with an average weekly attendance of 13. All is well.

New Business:

The Pastoral Care Board Customary was reviewed and approved, with the addition of Bereavement. Deacon Pam will correct and submit to Lorraine.

Michele reviewed the vestry Whole Person Ministry strategy and what services are planned to be offered. A copy of the proposed flow chart with volunteer staffing was provided to all in attendance. The next meeting of the Whole Person Ministry will be on Jan. 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited.

A decision was made to restart regular monthly meetings. Based on the consensus of a poll, our new meeting date and time is the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 p.m., in the Chapel annex. **That means that our next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 2:00.**

There being no further business, Deacon Pam closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deacon Pam Hayes, Chairperson