

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Bereavement Ministry

Team Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 23, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in the parish hall

The Mission of the Bereavement Ministry Team is to:

Provide comfort and support in the time of sorrow and grief of loved ones

Present: Cindy Eultgen, Rosann Johnson, Sharon Dalen, Chris Christiaens, Juanita McGregor, Karen Corda, Theresa Hopkins, and Maureen Balyeat

Pastoral Council Representative: none

Staff: Cindy Eultgen; **Secretary:** Jim Capp; **Facilitator & acting Secretary:** Karen Corda

Opening prayer:

Old Business:

March 26 facilitator: Chris

March 26 prayer: Kathy

Safe and Sacred – Karen mentioned not being able to enroll. They won't allow a new enrollment because they already have the email address on record and she can't remember the passwords from the previous 2 programs. She's sent an email for clarification.

New Business: Someone came for the support meeting on Tuesday because they misunderstood what was in the bulletin. To lessen the confusion, we decided to change the name of the team meeting to Steering Committee.

Calendar: We discussed the calendar and agreed to skip the April steering committee meeting because it's during Holy Week, so we need facilitator and prayer person for both April and May. The same person will do both the opening and closing prayer.

April 23 Grief Support meeting Prayer: Sharon. Facilitator: Rosann

May 21 Steering committee meeting Prayer: Maureen

May 28 Support Group Facilitator: Chris Prayer: Maureen

June 28 Support Group Facilitator: Juanita Prayer: Theresa

Upon conclusion of the regular meeting, we moved into brainstorming about ways to enhance the ministry, following the topics listed.

Folder: What should go in it and how should it be distributed?

Logistics as to what to do when notice of a death has been received: Rosann sends a condolence card as soon as she is notified of a death. Other discussion included the fact that there are grieving parishioners whose family members aren't members of the parish or even the city, and whose funerals are held elsewhere.

We discussed whether a folder would overwhelm someone who has recently suffered a loss, and decided it probably would. If we get partnering operational, we can let individuals know what sort of information we have available

Should we be involved when death is imminent, and what would that look like? There was a lot of discussion as to whether this was something we should be involved in at this time and the subject was postponed.

Partnering: How do we do this, etc? We talked about phone calls, visits, etc., but arrived at no conclusions. We need a lot more brainstorming about this.

Month	Team Meeting 6 pm	Support Group 4 & 7 pm
February	19 th	26 th
March	19 th	26 th
April	(Holy Week) No Meeting 16 th	23 rd
May	21 st	28 th
June	18 th	25 th
July	16 th	23 rd
August	20 th	27 th
September	17 th	24 th
October	15 th	22 nd
November	19 th	26 th
December	No Meeting 10 th	17 th