

Holy Spirit Parish Christian Service Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

CSC Mission: Share God's love through action, education, and community building.

GOALS

1. Encourage all parishioners to strive for peace, justice and equality.
2. Provide opportunities for parishioners to share their God-given gifts with individuals coping with difficult situations.
3. Educate parishioners about Catholic social justice.
4. Build community partnerships to better serve others and promote the Kingdom of God.

Present: Justin Bishop, Taffy Cochran, Pat Hilgendorf, Dave Stukey, and Cindy Eultgen

We introduced ourselves stating our past experience, current involvement, and what we would like to see. Folks are proud of our parish and want to be involved in continuing good efforts. We would like to share this good and communicate/educate others on how to put their faith in action here at the parish and greater community.

We read the mission and goals out loud. We looked at the general flow chart/outline of the Christian Service programs and read the policy. We talked about three specific items as they are written in the policy 1. meetings on the third Thursday - currently we meet on the third *Tuesday*, 2. standing committees for Relief Fund Disbursements - *does not need to be a separate group as Cindy and Mark discuss this on an as needed basis*, updates can be covered in the CSC meetings, and 3. Just Faith as a committee, hasn't happened for a couple of years, *but general idea covers education and formation in Christian Social Justice Education and formation can (and should) happen in ways other than the Just Faith program.*

We recalled the many awesome things that are being done and have been done. Some folks wondered about these "well kept secrets" and how to educate our parish community about activities available in Christian Service. Members offered suggestions and brainstorming:

We recognize the importance of small groups in whatever the topic (Bible Study, That Man is You, Strengths Finders, Just Faith, Christian Social Justice, etc)

Formation - Just Faith has been a profound eye opener. When people belong to a small group, their education and faith increases to the point of asking "now what". People want to know that they can do something to make an impact and foster growth and change. Other groups get started and then lose interest, such as "That Man Is You".

Fellowship - people want to belong to something. Small groups help to capture the closer personal relationships that are needed in our large parish.

Action - How do we challenge one another with practical everyday responses to what we have learned and experienced in small groups. How do we support one another?

- We see the need to help facilitators handle/tackle the challenges that come up in small groups such as getting out of ruts
- The hidden realities of formation/retreat experiences (perhaps provide information 'did you know' something once a quarter), at Fellowship Dinner?
- might like to see: names and pictures of who are on the councils, staff, and the programs they are involved with...what do they do?
- It was recalled that there is a chart of HSP ministries that was presented at the end of the Strengths Finder Workbook

Some folks wondered, whatever happened to the parish evaluation??? Of parish life and what are/have we been doing about it? The short response was that we need to reach out to our fellow parishioners and ask one another about faith life.

Tasks for next month:

- Members took different programs of CS to ask those involved regarding the program strengths and weakness. Dave said he would be out of town for the next meeting but will get his information in to Cindy before he leaves.
- Members look forward to seeing the budget

Next Meeting:
February 18, 2020

Focus:

1. Finish identifying areas that need support
2. Create plans to address needs
3. Look at current budget and realities
4. Consider plans & future budget.