



Welcome Committee Minutes
Prince of Peace Parish
June 17, 2024
6:30 p.m.

The POP Welcome Committee held their in-person meeting at POP church on Monday evening, June 17. Meeting attendees included: Kody Hansen, Office Manager, Judy Garot, Karen Prevost, Jerry & Linda Duchaine, Virginia Goral, Dennis & Mary Kay Rukamp, Rosella Hill, Cheryl Skiver, Mary Thibodeau, Terry Van Iten and Phyllis John, committee chair. Unable to attend were Anne Kulhanek and Mike Goral.

The meeting was called to order by Phyllis John, Committee Chair. Kody Hansen opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Mindy Toneys and Jeff Melotte, Parish picnic co-chairs, attended our meeting. Mindy indicated that the tri-fold flyers that will indicate the day's events will be handed out following the 10 a.m. Mass. A supply of these flyers will also be available at the Welcome Tent. Time slots for flyer handout will be from 11 a.m. til 2 p.m.

This is what was decided regarding the Welcome Tent this year:

Welcome Tent will be located near the Raffle & Volunteer tent. Will purchase some balloons to attach to W C tent for better visibility to public.

\$5 vouchers will be handed out to new members who joined the parish since August 2023. A checklist will be available to check off new members who pick up a voucher. **(Refer to paragraph below on new member voucher for 2024.)

Welcome Tent volunteers will have rulers, pens and note pads to hand out.

There will be a prayer intention container available.

Decision was made by the committee that we would not handle the small Jesus figurines due to construction over the past several months. Will look at a different option in 2025.

****Discussed picnic vouchers for new members for our August 11 picnic. Committee members decided that we would go ahead this year with the \$5 vouchers for new members in hopes that it will be better received than in 2023. The cut-off date will be July 11, 2024, to prepare letters to be mailed to new members regarding picnic voucher. Committee members will meet at 1:30 p.m. to prepare the mailing to be sent out. Any new members who join from July 11th til August 9th will be taken care of by the office staff. Kody will follow up by sending out reminder on Flock Note one week prior to picnic. Vouchers will be handed out on the day of the picnic at the Welcome Tent. A check off list will be available for Welcome Tent volunteers when members pick up vouchers. Vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash. The voucher cost will be charged to the Welcome Committee budget.**

The time slots for the Welcome Tent will be from **11 a.m., till 1 p.m.; and 1 p.m. till 3 p.m.** Will need two volunteers per shift. One other suggestion was that maybe we could have a parish business card to hand out should non-parishioners' express interest.

New Member Dinner - October 19, 2024: This event will be immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the new community room. Dinner will be catered by Renard's Catering which has already been confirmed. Dessert and refreshments will be provided by the Welcome Committee.

A suggestion was made that when new members sign in for dinner, that a form be handed to them to fill out asking "why did you join the parish." Forms will be given to M C to read following dinner.

Now that construction is completed, the new member dinner will return to semi-annual status, ie., April and October.

Other business:

Next Welcome Committee will be held on Monday evening, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. to address postcards to new members who joined the parish since October 2023, as well as any other business.

A parish council member who attends the 6 p.m. Mass frequently, brought up the fact that there is seldom anyone from the Welcome Committee who greets at this Mass. Suggestion is that a Welcome Committee member(s) who would be attending this Mass, that if they could take the opportunity to do so, it might generate a new member.

Being no other business for discussion, Kody closed with a prayer. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by: *Phyllis John, Committee Chair*