

## **Holy Wisdom Community Meeting February 11, 2017**

**Present:** Kathleen, Donna, Jessie, Betty, Tom, Diane W., Sara, Carie, Jackie, Diane F., Julie, Mary F. and Jim.

Mary opened the meeting with prayer

**The minutes were accepted as written.**

Donna moved, Jessie seconded that the minutes be approved.

**Length of the prayer list in the newsletter:**

Diane W noted concerns she had heard about the length of the list and the intent of the community to hold people in prayer. Other concerns were voiced. Many suggestions for possible solutions were made. It was decided to write prayer requests into a book. The book will be placed on the back table before Mass and available for names to be entered---- then brought to the area of the altar during worship. The newsletter will state that we are praying for people who have requested prayers. Their names will be listed in our prayer book. Jackie offered to bring a book for possible use.

**Holy Wisdom Website:**

Diane W announced Joe McQuiston has offered to create and maintain a Holy Wisdom website. This will have options similar to those found on the ctaww.org website. The new website will have greater capacity to link with our newsletter and other websites. There could be sections for social justice, education, scripture, women priests, etc. People discussed their desire to compensate Joe for this work, though he said he would be happy to do this for us without monetary compensation. Tom expressed concern about the necessity of a designated gatekeeper. Diane W said the process and responsibility of entering HW information as well as the possibility of compensation for Joe's time will be discussed at the next leadership meeting.

**Fun Activities:**

This list is now going to Pam Bergkamp who has volunteered to organize activities that folks are interested in.

**Affirming our Gifts:**

Joe McQuiston will be at Holy Wisdom Sunday February 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 to lead a workshop designed to affirm our individual gifts as indicated on the gifts

inventory done earlier. A copy is included as an attachment in Diane W's last letter to the community.

### **Homeletics Training:**

Kathleen said Bishop Olivia will be at Betty and Tom's house February 24<sup>th</sup> (7:00 – 9:00pm, the 25<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – 4:00) , and the 26<sup>th</sup>. (9:00 – 4:00) Twelve people are registered for this training. People are needed to supply 2 lunches and snacks. Jessie volunteered to help with food. Anyone interested in helping needs to check with Diane F or Carie about diet restrictions.

### **Lenten Book Study:**

Betty is facilitating a book study at her home during Lent to discuss the book *How Big is Your God* by Fr. Paul Coultino . Fourteen people have signed, up so this group needs to be closed. People interested to join should contact Betty to possibly form another group. People will buy their own books.

### **Newsletter:**

In response to concerns about the length of the newsletter as well as the intensive amount of work required by Sandy to do the newsletter it has been decided to have only one newsletter each month. This monthly issue will be posted the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month on the Thursday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of the month.

The issue of what needs to be included in the newsletter and guidelines for what content is published was extensively discussed. Several community members thought the newsletter needed to be condensed and shortened.

There was disagreement about whether the annual March for Life event should be published in the newsletter and included as a HW activity. Kathleen spoke about her experiences talking to demonstrators at the Planned Parenthood clinic about the seamless ethic of life which includes not only abortion but capital punishment, mental illness, poverty, environment, animal and plant justice. She said those with whom she spoke had never heard of the other issues as life issues. Others thought the Right to Life March is concerned only about abortion as well and is not concerned with the other life issues Kathleen and others mentioned.

While we hold the intention to be an inclusive community affirming different viewpoints of the members, there is concern that because the newsletter is the public face of Holy Wisdom and is distributed to many people who have never actually been with us, we need to keep focused on issues to which our community has decided we are committed. Some comments about what it means to be

inclusive centered around accepting all people as people, but not necessarily accepting the positions taken by all those we accept as representative of our community's positions on issues.

We acknowledge most justice issues are complex and deserve more education and discussion. Diane suggested we avail ourselves of a website that provides research on several aspects of complex issues. This website is [procon.org](http://procon.org).

Information anyone wants to share that is not included in the newsletter can be placed on the kiosk table at the back in the narthex to be perused by all after mass.

**Mission Statement:**

Carie said she wasn't comfortable with the wording of the mission statement and suggested eliminating the word "out". The group discussed changing the words from ".....we joyfully embrace the gospel message of Jesus and live it out with deeply rooted love to ".....we joyfully embrace and live the gospel message of Jesus with deeply rooted love." This change was unanimously accepted.

Meeting closed with Prayer  
Minutes by Sara Weinreich

**Next Community Meeting: March 11, 2017 2:00 – 4:00**