Open Parish Council Meeting Notes

Celebrating Similarities and Differences

How can we do a better job?

* Coffee after Mass in Unity Hall

Have people volunteer to host so that staff is not burdened

Assign volunteers to invite parishioners into Unity Hall for coffee after Mass

Make refreshments family-friendly (i.e., refreshments for kids and adults)

* Make people feel more welcome at Mass

More greeters

Set up an information center at the back of Church staffed with a volunteer who can answer questions

* Make new people feel more welcome

Put photos of new parishioners by the doors (like RCIA candidates)

Invite new parishioners to a dinner at the rectory

Give new parishioners a welcome basket – coffee, tea, bread, wine

Have an annual gathering for everyone who joined in the past year

* Outreach

Partner with Grace Lutheran more – see if they have a Men’s Club, Women’s Club, etc.

Do a better job communicating with people who don’t come to Mass

Better use of tech and social media to share our story; be consistent, have good content and don’t ask for money all the time. Don’t be afraid of turning people off with frequent e-mails. If they unsubscribe we don’t want them anyway.

Concentrate on fewer initiatives, but better effort.