

COMPANIONS FOR THE JOURNEY
WITH OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS



MINUTES
April 21, 2015

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Alice Rutkowski at 10:05 am.

SIGN-IN

Seven members were present & 1 guest:

Harold Rakowitz, Alice Rutkowski, Daryl Rutkowski, Kathy Snoga, Anita Jimenez, Joyce Royce, Ken Keller and Karen Bagwell (Counselor).

The members of the committee introduced themselves to our guest, Karen Bagwell.

MINUTES

Minutes were passed out and read by the members. Corrections were made to the minutes; Ken Keller did not leave the ministry and Maggie Ibrom's name corrected again.

Minutes approved as corrected.

VISITATIONS

Visitation reps that go with Father were not at attendance so we have no report from them, however they gave us a list. The list was discussed by the group.

Alice reported that Clara Reckner's sister-in-law, Mrs. Roy Friesenhahn is in a wheel chair and should be contacted since she does not go to Mass. She lives on the same street as Clara and Mrs. Cielencki.

Anita Champaign was visited by Alice Rutkowski on the anniversary of Deacon Champaign's death. Need to call her daughter Connie when we plan to visit Anita so Connie knows that we are going. Alice gave the number for Connie to Kathy Snoga.

Alice encouraged the members to stay in contact with their assigned patients. They need our continued love and support outside of the monthly visits.

Daryl was assigned to contact Lorraine Sullivan's family for a number to contact her.

Diane Davis informed Alice that Father Emmanuel wants a specific day to visit the sick, preferably on the First Tuesday after the Healing Mass. Since Jerry is out of town, Joyce Royce wants to go with Jeannette and Father.

OBITUARIES

We discussed the deceased members of last month and the progress the family is making. Still need an address for Virginia Connell's family. Alice will contact Del Crest or Marilyn Rivas again for the complete address.

We had one parishioner pass away since the last meeting. Michael Anthony Navarajo, 55. He leaves a wife and daughter. There was no newspaper obituary. Alice will contact Diane Davis for an address to send a card. Alice reported that we send a Mass Card to the families of each deceased member.

The Parish Funeral Committee members have quit their position. We are looking for new members. Shirley Bordovski and Mary Alice Witherspoon will be asked to join our committee. Darlene Lavell is looking for new members for the Funeral Committee. Alice will check with Diane Davis and Darlene.

COUNSELOR

Karen Bagwell gave information of her qualifications and personal background. She also spoke about her experience in the San Antonio community with different families and organizations.

Joyce Royce related her grief story to Karen.

Kathy Snoga shared her story.

Ken Keller shared his story about his brother who had lost his son five years ago and had no one to share his grief with. Ken also spoke about his job as a police officer informing families of their loss.

Alice related the qualifications she had in mind when choosing the members of this committee.

Karen questioned what our intentions were for the gathering. Alice gave a general outline of what she hoped to accomplish with input from the membership.

Daryl said that we would start off with a social and then get the people to open up about their grief. He also stated that we should have sessions on a monthly basis to keep people interested and to be able to help them better.

Father Rodolfo has said that we do need a counselor to help us and them with any problems that might arise.

Karen reported that KLOVE offers a 4 day conference at Oblate to help us with skills to help people cope with trauma and death. She feels that this would be good for the membership to attend.

Karen suggested a cycle of meetings with items to cover, possibly six sessions and then a short break.

Anita suggested having a social at the end of a cycle.

Ken stated that Thanksgiving and Christmas are very critical times. Karen suggested a session on how to handle the holidays.

Anita suggested that we have a planning meeting specifically to discuss the program outside of our regular meeting. Members agreed and a date was set. Karen Bagwell will attend with her outline.

Meeting is set for May 4 at 10:00 am in the Admin building.

CLOSING

Let's keep our home bound and those on our parish prayer list in our prayers.

The meeting closed with prayer to Our Mother of Sorrows at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

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