Pastoral Care Ministry Team Meeting January 14, 2019

Attending: Lyn Luszcz, Barbara Armstrong, Pam Mack and Liz Halpin (Suz Cate joined the meeting late.) Meeting was called to order by Kathy Hunter, Interim Chair, at 4:03pm. We opened with a unison reading of the Prayer of St. Frances. Discussion and approval of the minutes from the December 2018 meeting and our 2018 Annual Meeting report followed. Reports were then given.

Visitation: Team members reported on visitations they made since our last meeting; Communion taken to parishioners, cards sent, and phone calls made. Suz reported she had 7.5 hours of: visitation, taking Communion to parishioners that cannot make it to church, and counseling. Suz is sending out postcards letting people know she is praying for them and letting them know she is available if needed.

Transportation: Suz will call Evelyn Goodman's son, Hank, about Evelyn and let him know that we will be taking his mom Communion. Lynn will look into Go Go Grandparent for Sunny Hamill.

Health Ministry: 1. "Solo Women" group –The group wanted a lunch get together so Pam will arrange it soon. 2. January 13 was our first Adult Sunday School session, on "Vision Changes As We Age" – 17 parishioners attended; and on January 20, the second session "Positive Physical Approach" will be given.

Prayer Shawls: 5 knitters and 1 crocheter have agreed to create prayer shawls. Suz has a prayer that is used while knitting the shawl, or before/after knitting it. This prayer will also be sent with the prayer shawl. Kathy will work on guidelines for the prayer shawl creators and will bring a rough draft to our monthly meeting in February.

There is money in our new Good Samaritan Fund. We still need with guidelines for this fund. (Non-medical, blankets, and transportation needs. Monies would be used at the Rector's discretion with the advice of the Pastoral Care ministry team.) In our 2018 Annual Report, we stated, "this fund is focused on helping needs of members of the congregation at the discretion of the Rector. (Policy will be further developed on the basis of experience.)" We now need to work on guidelines.

Remember: Claiborne is ready, willing and able to set up an online meal scheduling document when someone needs it.

The current Flower distribution is working, but could be reconsidered in the future for the special needs of our Holy Trinity Parishioners.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team resource center: Judy, Liz and Suz will be setting up a card mailing area here. Be looking for cards to put in this area. Pam had suggested in December 2018 that an ink stamp to stamp on the cards, and had said in December she would purchase.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm. Next Meeting: February 11, 2019, 4pm.

*minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Hunter, January 14, 2019