

**HEALTH MINISTRY MINUTES
10-1-2013**

Present were Pat Berg, Deb Buffington, Father Jerry, Sherrie Grindy, Mary Nordstrom.

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes were reviewed with no additions or corrections.

Pat presented an update on the upcoming Bereavement Workshop.

How to complete the training for remaining volunteers who were not able to attend the presentation Sept. 12, 2013 was discussed. Nov. 14th at 6 pm was selected as a tentative date for another training session, place to be determined by the parish with the largest number of volunteers still needing the training. We have enough materials left from the initial session. Sherrie will check on number needing training from each of the 4 parishes. Sherrie will send email to those still needing training regarding tentative date and place. She will also ask if any volunteer is interested in restarting the Faithfully Fit group. Pat B. will check with Cathy Moe about prior curriculum for that program.

We do not have a report on progress with scheduling a presentation about our services with Rice Hospital discharge coordinators/social workers and Hospice.

Father Jerry made several suggestions about the training booklet, specifically the prayer as written. Wording needs to be changed regarding confidentiality, possibility "confidentiality within team." As we looked further at the prayer, decision was made to revise most of the prayer and pledge. It was suggested that a statement be added to the guidelines that volunteers are not to provide transportation. Deb volunteered to prepare some tentative revisions to the pledge.

Father Jerry suggested that we reword the description of the services provided by the Health Ministry program. The description needs to be short, specific and easy to understand, possibly a brief bulleted list instead of lengthy paragraphs. Suggestions was made to have a pamphlet that could be given out.

Deb will follow up on the free health screening provided by Rice Hospital. The group discussed promoting this screening.

Goals for the subcommittees are due by the end of October. Mary N. feels that our program goals for this year are already in place.

Discussion on developing policies and procedures as part of the program structure was tabled to a future meeting. Next meeting, November 5th 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherrie Grindy