

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022

Opening Prayer by Lorina Goodjoint

People who attended – Lorina Goodjoint, Adina Reynolds, Kathy Stewart, Andy Bartels, John Kennedy, Sueann Goretti (welcome Sueann!)

Continue Planning for the Lenten and Easter Series (Book Discussion)

In order to be clear to parishioners about our intentions (goals) in offering the Lenten and Easter Series we shared the following thoughts:

- To find fellowship and strength to come to terms with racism and injustice
- To offer a safe, respectful, and gentle space for people to share their stories and tell their truth
- To find ways to follow Jesus' word to love ourselves and others
- To listen to the Holy Spirit and to pray for God's guidance as we become a beloved community at St. Matthew and the Browns Point neighborhood
- To come together to reconcile our injustices and to heal ourselves in order to become a more beloved community

Next Steps

- (1) Advertise our upcoming Lenten and Easter Series by developing a hardcopy flyer that will be distributed to all parishioners. On the back of the flyer we will include our Beloved Community Team's mission statement, action statement and our intentions in offering this Series. This hardcopy flyer will be stuffed in the books and distributed to parishioners for free. The flyer that goes to parishioners will also be published on our parish website. This flyer will be ready to send to parishioners by Sunday, Feb. 13th.
- (2) Advertise the Series in various community newsletters, Facebook and other public places. The community flyer will include some revisions that omits Lorina's phone number, adds St. Matthew's physical address and parish website, and omits the detailed information on the back of our parish flyer. In communication with Fr. Kendall after our 2.10.22 meeting, he suggested that community members who do not attend a church might be more interested in participating our Series if we broaden our book discussions beyond the "Church Cracked Open" to include other institutional racism issues. This suggestion will need to be discussed at our next team meeting. If the team agrees with this suggestion, then the community flyer will be further revised to reflect this idea. The community flyer will go out **after** our team discussion of this suggestion. John offered to post some hard copies of the community flyer in a few public places.
- (3) Andy and Adina offered to contact by phone or in-person some individual parishioners to answer any questions they might have about the Series.
- (4) For the next three weeks our team will meet to prepare for the Series. We plan to read two or three chapters and discuss them each week.

Closing prayer by Andy

Minutes by Kathy Stewart

The next meeting for the Beloved Community Team will be on Thursday, February 17th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Please email Lorina at lorinagoodj@msn.com so she can send you the Zoom link for the meeting.