

Beloved Community Team Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2022

Opening Prayer by Leanne Kennedy

People who attended – Lorina Goodjoint, Adina Reynolds, Kathy Stewart, Andy Bartels, Leanne and John Kennedy

**Continued Planning for Book Discussion Groups**

Our team discussed the specific format and plans regarding how we will implement the book discussion series on “The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community” by Stephanie Spellers. We will use the Reflection & Action Guide for these group sessions. Fr. Kendall has ordered 80 books, one for each household in our parish. The following major issues and decisions were discussed:

- The Lenten/Easter/Resurrection weekly series will start March 13<sup>th</sup> and will end on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (no session on Easter, April 17<sup>th</sup>)
- The sessions will be one hour in length
- The sessions will be on Zoom and in-person at the church
- The sessions will be held on Sundays from 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
- We need to clearly articulate the goal and objectives of the Book Discussion Series
- The team plans on using the Reflection & Study Guide developed by the author of the book. We plan to modify the format to include at the beginning of each session a 15-minute reading of a key concept in the book chapter.
- Our team will develop and present PowerPoint slides for each session. Kathy can be available to help with the PowerPoint slides
- We need to start advertising the series to the parishioners. Announcements should go out no later than mid-February.

**Next Steps**

- (1) This coming week each member of the team will reflect on our intent to provide this series. The team will discuss their ideas at our next meeting.
- (2) Lorina will update Fr. Kendall regarding our decisions on how we plan to implement the series.
- (3) Lorina will write the electronic version of our announcement of the Lenten/Easter book discussion series and ask Fr. Kendall to send the announcement to all parishioners via email.
- (4) Kathy will develop a hard copy flyer announcing the series and ask Fr. Kendall to send the flyer out to parishioners via regular mail. Kathy can be available to stuff the envelopes, if needed.
- (5) Andy and Adina volunteered to call some parishioners before the series to discuss any questions parishioners might have and to encourage their participation.
- (6) On a weekly basis before the first session on March 13<sup>th</sup>, our team will discuss each chapter in more depth to prepare for the series.

Closing prayer by Lorina

**The next meeting for the Beloved Community Team will be on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** All are welcome to attend. Please email Lorina at [lorinagoodj@msn.com](mailto:lorinagoodj@msn.com) so she can send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

Minutes by Kathy Stewart