

# Good Shepherd Catholic Community

## Connect Group

### — Minutes —

November 7, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

#### ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		GUESTS	
Rebecca Carter (Chair)	x	Ruby Russell		Father Ron	x
Christine Richardson (Vice-Chair)		Sara Morgan	x		
Katherine Alexander (Staff Contact)	x	Billy Rodriguez	x		
Eugene Robinson (Secretary)	x	Ashley Powell			
Maria Bryant	x				
Bobby Henderson					
Wanda Evans	x				
Bruce Smith	x				

**Opening Prayer:** Wanda Evans

Committee member introductions – Introduce Bruce Smith – new member

#### 1. Old Business:

- a. Approved previous meeting's minutes
- b. Discussed the story of Pauline Jaricot – **She led an extraordinary life**
- c. Reviewed attached updated Parish calendar
- d. Stewardship Pro Update
  - i. Responses to Stewardship program have resulted in four new members – **ACTION ITEM = Rebecca will meet separately with new members to do a connect group orientation.**

#### 2. New Business

- a. Received a report from meeting with Father Richard and Rebecca, Christine and Katherine
  - i. Discussed ways to integrate new members into connect group activities
  - ii. Gave several resources to use for upcoming reflections. **ACTION ITEM – set detailed plan for reflections - Billy volunteered and will report next meeting**

- iii. Father Ron reported on new Papal Encyclical = “Laudato Si” - **Challenged group to do reflections on document at upcoming meetings**
- b. Diocesan Spiritual Concerns Meeting is being held Saturday, March 18 at St. Bartholomew from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and end with a mass. **ACTION ITEM Rebecca asked everyone who wants to attend to get back to her by Nov 24. Bobby volunteered to coordinate carpooling.**

Upcoming dates/reminders

- Spirituality Conference 2017 — *Witnessing Spirituality: Called to be Disciples*
  - **May 5 - 7, 2017 @ Houston — <http://www.usccb.org/congress2017>**
  - **Parish is funding cost of attendance for three connect team members to attend.**
  - **Rebecca, Eugene and Rebecca volunteered to attend conference.**
  - **Send receipt for registration to Mike Victor in Parish Office.**

Next Meeting: December 5, 2016

December Opening prayer: Sara Morgan

December Closing prayer: Billy Rodriguez

November Closing Prayer: Bruce Smith

Meeting adjourned – 8:55 p.m.