

## Parish Nurses Minutes – October 1, 2019

Present: Julie Cross, Margaret Patterson, Elaine Bloniasz, Jennifer LaBarre, Pat Bagnall, Sr. Cindy

(Sally Markey was not able to be present.)

Our meeting opened with our Enlivening Prayer and Evening Prayer (Season of Creation).

The minutes from our June meeting were approved, noting that the first time “Gift Card” was mentioned has been corrected to read “\$10.00,” not “\$20.00.”

Our Dine & Learn with Bell Tone’s representative, Mike Mastroianni, on hearing loss is set for Saturday, October 19, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a Wine & Cheese Social. Bell Tone will reimburse us for the meal and dessert. Participants will receive \$10.00 back when they arrive at the event. Family Life will take care of the Social. The wine for the event has been donated by a parishioner, Kevin Maher. A “thank you” note has been sent to Kevin. Christian Elmasian (Caterer) will need the number attending by October 15. The menu selected is: chopped spring salad (dressing on the side), chicken piccata, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables, rolls, and butter. Elaine will pick up the cake. Margaret will take care of coffee and soft drinks. Jen will bring a gluten free dessert. Julie will be responsible for paper/plastic products. We will use the pumpkin decorations and plastic table cloths. Set up will be at 3:45 p.m. Cindy will call some volunteers to assist us. We have enough raffle prizes on hand.

The Pastoral Ministers have invited local parishioners to attend their next meeting at Mt. Carmel’s Social Center on Wednesday, October 16, at 2:00 p.m. Representatives of Bay State “Dispatch Health” will offer a presentation on “Bring Back House Calls”. All are welcome. The notice is in the bulletin. We will ask if they would be willing to offer a presentation at our next Dine & Learn in the spring. If not, we will try to have someone from Greater Springfield Senior Services here for the spring program. If Dispatch Health does the spring Dine & Learn, we will ask GSSS to do the fall Dine & Learn. Jen reminded us that Judy Dowd, RD is still willing to speak to us again about any aspect of nutrition. It does not have to be a Dine & Learn program. We will consider asking her to speak to us about “cooking for one”.

We discussed again the research project on memory that Dr. Mitchell Clionsky and Dr. Emily Clionsky are working on. They require a minimum of 20 participants, ages 40 and above. The decision was made to check with those who attend the Dine & Learn as ask if they are interested in participating in the project. Drs. Clionsky would like to complete this part of their research relatively soon. St. Mary’s Parish in Longmeadow had Drs. Clionsky at their parish and it went very well.

Maureen Marotte, RN has not responded to attempts to contact her. She told one of our members that she is not able to be a part of the Parish Nurses Program at this time. Since she is the only member who was working full time, the group decided to move our meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, at 1:00 p.m.**