



St. Elizabeth Parish Refugee Sponsorship Project Working Group Meeting Notes

Meeting #1 - September 23, 2015

The meeting was held in the parish hall and commenced at 6:45pm.

Attendance:

- Marlene Pignat
- Paul Pignat
- Fr. Daryold Winkler (Pastor)
- Lindsay Moore-Chung (All Saints Catholic High School Chaplaincy Program)
- Susan Taylor
- Nancy Kennedy
- Diane O’Gorman
- Barry O’Gorman
- Joanne Spanton
- Susan Boyce
- Brent Lafreniere
- Jan Golanowski
- Cecilia Bowie
- Patti Latreille
- Ed Bolton
- Mary Dicks
- Maisie Sirois
- Julie Fejes (Hungarian Catholic Community)
- Lourdes Villena
- David Darwin
- Linda Darwin
- Rhea Dalton (Our Lady of Fatima)

Regrets:

- Melinda Bowie
- Jim McNeill
- Bibiane Wandji
- Melinda Kelly
- Anne Ladouceur

Fr. Daryold opened the meeting with a prayer. Those in attendance introduced themselves. A sheet was passed around to collect contact information for those who were adding their names to the Working Group.

David and Fr. Daryold reviewed the events leading up to this meeting.

The *Working Group Terms of Reference* document was reviewed and accepted.

As there were many present who had not received in advance the *Working Group Areas of Responsibility* document, the content was presented and many questions answered. This led to some in attendance adding their names to the various teams which were needed to direct the Project. There was much dialogue about the responsibilities of the teams, expectations and needs of the Working Group for orientation. Ideas for a place to store documents for sharing were offered. David undertook to forward the contact information to each team member so that the teams could begin to organize themselves. He also agreed to send pertinent resource materials/links to the respective teams. In addition, the meeting materials would be sent those present who had not received them already.

Next meeting:

The group agreed to Wednesday, October 21 at 6:45. Suggested agenda items included team progress reports, a presentation by the HOPE group at All Saints HS, Syrian culture orientation, hearing from an immigrant family.

Meeting evaluation:

The physical setup as a circle of chairs was appreciated. Having an agenda and relevant materials available assisted in the success of the meeting. The significant preparatory work and leadership already provided by Father Daryold and David Darwin was commended by the entire Working Group.

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:55pm with a prayer. A group photo was taken.

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