**Joliet Engaged Encounter**

**Community Meeting Notes**

**Saturday, August 18, 2012**

In attendance:

Zosh and Elaine Zeller

Karyn Dinovo

Brian and Melissa Gordon

Brian and Melissa Gilbert

 Jim Healy

Minutes:

* Unit Update:
1. We are doing well. Most communities losing LOTS of couples
2. Cincy is doing great thanks to generous donations.
* Retreat Center Update
1. Need to make a decision on a new cost at the October meeting. Please mark your calendars and be at the meeting.
2. Cost spreadsheet is on the website (jolietee.org, Our Community page, username and password are both ceejoliet)
3. Contact parishes close to the center and let them know we are going to be in their backyard and try to promote EE.
* 501(c)3 Status
1. We are applying
2. Weigels have half of the paperwork done and are working on restating last 5 years of financials for submittal
* Recruitment from Discovery
1. Karyn is hoping to maybe pull three couples
2. Karyn and Mike are hoping to talk at the Discovery “Good-Bye” party and extend a handout.

* 2012 Convention Feedback
1. Include spouse’s name and community on nametags
2. Longer registration hours
3. Include continental breakfast
4. Blank pages in back of program
5. Larger stage & podium for speakers, have screen near podium
6. Break on Friday night if longer than 3 hours
7. Larger print for songs
8. Hotel signage
9. Include a pen in bag
10. Have hotel hand out tourist info.
11. List breakout session and locations in booklet
12. Speaker bios need to be more current
13. No somber prayer service on Friday night
* Community Communications
1. All email communication needs to be sent to Melissa Gordon and then the Gordons will send out an email to the community
* 2014 Convention
1. National Board approved dates (Oct 3-5) and approved “Ignite the Fire” as the theme
2. Per the Bishop, we must hold convention within the Joliet Diocese. So need to begin looking for a new hotel immediately
3. Look at Oakbrook and Naperville/Lisle
* Items for the Good of the Whole
1. Jim asked us to help with the Anniversary Mass in September 2013
2. Gilberts are staying here for another 3-5 years. Brian got a promotion that keeps him here.
3. Speakers for convention need to be submitted to the chancery for approval. We give the names to Jim and then he forwards them on.
* Prayer Requests
1. Wayne (Brian Gordon’s Dad) – Doing much better.
2. Matt and Allison (Josh’s brother and wife struggling)
3. MaryAnn (Elaine’s co-worker) just diagnosed with breast cancer and probably needs to take a trimester off.
4. James and Mary Solerno (Mike’s parents) – still in and out of hospital and is hard on Mike
5. Jennifer (Karyn’s sister) has hepatitis C and just diagnosed with HIV
6. Doug & Susie (Melissa Gordon’s department chair) had their 4th child July 19th and she passed away late Wednesday night. She was not expected to live beyond birth, but they got 4 weeks with her. Pray for them and their 3 other children to find peace.
7. Josh’s prayers were answered and he is moved back to the building he wants to be in
8. Brian Gilbert – thanks for the prayers keeping him here and pray for him in his new management position.
* Upcoming Dates
1. October 20 – Business at Schreiners
2. December 8 – Christmas Party at Gilberts