

Parish Council Meeting
April 28, 2016

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Opening Prayer

Fr. Sanjai Devis - Stephen Ministry

- Supportive clergy - St Stephen - one of the first deacon
- Christian program - not Catholic
- 6 training sessions throughout the year
- lay ministry
- started 2011
- One on one care.... parish members... male and female leader...
- How long is the training?
- connect people with similar issues
- meet every week
- official beginning and end to counseling sessions
- prayer is involved
- confidential!!
- do not work with children or addicts
- cost? registration fee - for parish
- Pittsburgh - training intense - 7 days of training for leaders (male/female) - then they train other parishioners
- \$1,500 for training
- 40 lb box - 400 documents
- \$2,500 to be a leader (\$5,000 - diocese pays half)
- commitment of minister - 2-year commitment - 20 sessions/2.5 hours - 50 hours of training
- 1 hour per week to meet with those seeking help
- pier group sessions - every two weeks
- 7-8 hours/month committment
- typical age of counselors?
- application form - 3-4 pages
- personal approach - not a blanket recruitment
- 12-15 people
- \$1,700 for parish to register
- parish rep needs to be available 24/7 for crisis - St louis - hotline
- pier groups picked from leaders

Deacon Bob

- felt love - flt God's love thru event
- this parish takes care of everyone - outside deacons

Develop a prayer team for big events - retired people - ministry

Fr Szolack -

Barry - june 1 - roof begins - after carnival
stucco work on rectory
school - carnival approaches

class trips coming up

Youth Group

Fersatti fellowship - good group =>

camping and hiking

good core group

a family feeling

Closing Prayer