

Bukas Loob sa Diyos Covenant Community

DLC MEETING/ PASTORAL HOUR AGENDA

Monday, Feb. 8, 2016

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Opening Praise and Worship led by Evangelization Apostolate: : 8:20 pm to 9:05 pm

Opening Remarks - Manny San Luis - DCS Evangelization - (Sponsors)

Topics discussed in the general assembly:

A. On Requests for Intercessory Prayers - Intercessory Ministry (I.M.) Guidelines by Dens Mantes

Certain guidelines were presented by Dens Mantes to make the petition process clearer to everyone, so the Intercessory Ministry can best stand in the gap for the community members and make each and every petition heard by the Lord.

1. Printed Petition Requests - There are 9 categories on the petition slip. Requester should check only one category per petition slip. They should make their handwriting clear and legible. The more specific and clearer the petition is, the better for the I.M. to write their prayers and hence, pray for the need asked for. If names and requests cannot be deciphered, the petition becomes vague and generic and they will be written as a request for "someone's special intention".
2. Simplicity - Requester should make the request simple, and stick to the essential elements, which may exclude some unnecessary details.
3. I.M. request for the Solo Parent Ministry-
 - i. I.M. requests that the petition basket from the Solo Parents Ministry be delivered to the main church before the corporate worship ends, so the petitions can be distributed to participating members (current Intercessory formation class and IM core members) right after the adult worship.
 - ii. The Solo Parents #17 immersion class or such other representatives of the Solo Parents Ministry, as the ministry may designate, are requested to lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary/Stations of the Cross, whichever is scheduled, on the 3rd Friday of the month and also be the prayer warriors to cover the 4 corners of the church during the evening's worship. Note that for the first Friday of the month, which is a Eucharistic Celebration, the sponsoring ministry will be in charge of this.
4. Online Prayer Requests - To make a prayer request via the website, requester should go to the bldnewark.com website. They should click the prayer request link on the website, which at the moment, gets forwarded to bldnewarkintercessory@yahoo.com until such time that the members of the

Intercessory group are all signed in to Office 365. At that time, the petitions will go straight to BLD Newark Intercessory Ministry members.

5. Worship Leader Petition List - The petition list to be read by the assigned worship leader for that Friday and prayed over by the congregation will include:
 - i. BLD's own Beloved Departed Members- to be included on this list for a period of one year and
 - ii. Relatives who are non-BLD members - for a period of 1 month.
 - iii. Seriously ill persons on the petition will remain on the list as long as requested. The IM is encouraging everyone, whose prayers have been answered, to please inform them so their names can be moved to the Thanksgiving category in the written petition list/ IP/ Intercessory Prayer.
6. Spiritual Works of Mercy - Any member from any ministry, who is led or moved to take part in this spiritual work of mercy of praying for others, kindly contact Dens/Mina Mantes directly after worship or email them at pmantes@gmail.com or dens.mantes@bldnewark.com.
7. Vigil Prayers during Encounters - I.M.members, if they are available, may participate in the vigil room activities in the regular encounters.

B. Office 365 Update - Ernest Sun (9:30 to 10:15) - exhorted everyone to please sign in to the Office 365. He again, emphasized the advantages of the system with the 3 E's- Efficacy, Efficiency, Effectiveness. The course of action for the Secretariat Ministry is to educate, empower and engage. He also discussed the steps of how to create group names.

C. Major Fundraising Event - presented by Dimples Canlas DCS Management
The major fundraising event is the raffle with a target launch date in April. Historically, according to Dimples, raffle ticket sales have been the most cost effective endeavor since there is less cost involved and minimal manpower required. Cesar Calingo, who was the main coordinator of the last raffle event, shared the following lessons learned:

- I. Let us all try to sell the tickets outside of BLD (ticket sales to non-BLD members)
- II. By state law, it is mandatory to account for all tickets, whether or not these are sold.
- III. It is easier to sell tickets with smaller amounts to more people, and
- IV. Children below 18 by law are not permitted to participate in selling the raffle tickets.

Sam Olaso reminded everyone, that in view of the community's continuing financial needs versus the available funds derived from the love offerings and tithes from community members, to work within the projected budget for the year, as approved by the Treasury Ministry. He exhorts the community to spend within the community's limited

