

## **Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

**January 12, 2015**

**7:00 PM**

**Room 167**

**Members:** Fr. Dan, Fr. Maciej, Sandy Beris, Mary Borland, Tom Burns, Joe DiGiovanni, Financial Rep, Barbara Garavalia, Anne Hillebrand, Marilyn Kroenke, Dina Laughlin, Al Martin, Bud Miller, Luanne Roth, David Trondsen, Neil Wisker

**Members Absent:** Tom Burns, Joe DiGiovanni, Anne Hillebrand, David Trondsen

**Guests in Attendance:** None

**Meeting Began:** 7:10 PM

**Opening Prayer:** Neil Wisker

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of December were approved by email with multiple corrections.

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda for January was approved.

**Commission Reports:** Please get them to Tom Burns by Friday after your leadership meeting.

#### **Administration & Planning [Tom Burns]**

1. No Report

#### **Adult Faith Formation [Al Martin]**

2. Held Faith Breakfast: Abbot Dismas was very well received.
3. Discussion on possible topics and speakers for future Faith Breakfast.
  - a. i.e.: Church Documents
4. Lenten Taize Prayer service discussion.
5. Discussion of the Young Adult situation and how to keep students who go away to college connected to the local parish and to the Church.

#### **Finance [Owen McGreevey]**

1. Christmas collection was \$13,000 more than planned.
2. We are \$27,000 to the good of budget to date.
3. Ministries are to keep watching their budgets.
4. Roof repair is 50% complete with another 6 to 8 weeks until completion. (Weather Permitting)
5. We have donated \$207,000 to the Diocese Annual Appeal. We receive a rebate of 60% for everything over our assigned goal.

#### **Liturgical Life [Marilyn Kroenke]**

1. No Report

#### **School Board [Dina Laughlin]**

1. New student enrollment is currently being accepted. Questions and tours should be directed to the school office.

2. School board meeting is being changed to the first Friday of the month @ 1:00pm at St. Raphael School.
3. Upcoming events: Catholic Schools Week 1/25 - 1/31, Redwing Golf Outing, St. Raphael 5K Fun Run
4. Starting budget process

### **Service Ministry & Pastoral Care [Mary Borland]**

1. Christmas Sharing Program—very successful with purchased gifts for 165 families; Gift baskets for Martin Ave. Apartments, nearly \$1,000 with toys and books for Teen Parent Connection, plus 30 seniors from Ecumenical Adult Day Care received gifts for personal wishes.
2. Raised \$33,115 for DuPage Pads (Special Appeal), and will be sent out shortly.
3. Chicago March for Life bus trip cancelled...low interest.
4. New bereavement program started. Liz Russell, facilitator.
5. 49 new families registered. Breakfast, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, with personal invitations.
6. Samaritan Ministry—next month will report

### **Staff Representative [Anne Hillebrand]**

1. No Report

### **Youth Faith Formation [Sandy Beris]**

1. Prior to Christmas, students in grades 7-10 attended Reconciliation services with their classes.
2. The Reflections retreat took place (81 10th graders were present, plus 43 teen and adult leaders). After the retreat, a number of students have started attending RPM (Raphael Peer Ministry).
3. College students who have been involved in RPM, will now be given a more formalized role as "program volunteers" within the YFF department. They will be acting as facilitators for RPM, retreats, and Mission Trips.
4. The Love Out Loud Formation meeting will be held on 1/20.
5. On 1/25, MWAH (Messages Which Are Hopeful) will be offering a presentation in the church for freshmen and their parents. This is a joint effort within the Youth Ministry Deanery in the area. All teens and their parents are welcome. More information can be found in the bulletin.
6. Planning is underway for the Lenten Family Activity which will take place on the afternoon of Ash Wednesday. Watch the bulletin for more details.

### **Pastor's Report [Fr. Dan]**

1. This past Sunday's Holy Water Bottles filled by youth ministry.
2. New live-in seminarian coming in February for four months. Mark Bernhard.
3. Confirmation: Abbot Dismas will do it in March.
4. Advent/Christmas went beautifully. 5:15 p.m. Mass not that crowded—planning to cancel the gym Mass next year.
5. Planning to do something to appreciate our volunteers in March.
6. Diocesan Year of the Consecrated Life: vocation of priests, brothers, sisters.
  - a. Asking for 2-3 minutes for highlights and prayers at Sunday Mass.
7. Feb. 3, Room 162, Joint Commission Meeting at 7 PM to include sharing with the ministries, food, and social.
8. April: Mission with Fr. Tom McCarthy (topic on Saints)
9. Michael Talbot is coming to St. Raphael in the future.
10. In the light of the priest's shortage we need to ask ourselves:
  - a. What are the needs of the parish?

- b. What will lead us to the next level?
- c. How can we interact with other parishes?

**New Business:**

1. Handout: Examining the Three Pillars of the "Framework for Pastoral Action."

**Old Business:**

1. Diocesan Pastoral Plan/ Deanery meeting to be attended by Luanne Roth.
2. Yearly celebration/party
  - a. Want to do it as annual meeting.
  - b. A date will be chosen, possibly Sept. 26/27, Feast of St. Raphael.
  - c. PPC will sponsor it. (Committee approved) A weekend of festivities.
3. St. Raphael social media presence...Communications Commission/person
  - a. Will sign a new contract soon to increase our communication ability. Need to embrace the social media. New parish APP will be available in future.
4. Sound Improvement Committee
  - a. Complaints: ex: echo, choir voices not heard.
  - b. Will have a professional company come out and check our building's acoustics.
  - c. Various problems are being addressed.
  - d. Checking it out to see what we can do.
  - e. Finance Committee is aware of this.
5. Schedule for bulletin Prayer Article
  - a. Will run every other week in the Bulletin.
  - b. Each committee will be asked what prayer means to them. Where inspiration is found.
  - c. Sign-up Procedures -- (Sheet passed around)
  - d. For submission to bulletin, eight days prior to your Sunday is needed.
  - e. Changes can be made -- it is fluid.
6. Discuss book "Rebuilt"...Part Two (pages 35 through 84)
  - a. A lively discussion ensued.
  - b. Need for youth to be given a better understanding of Sacred Scripture.
  - c. Adults need education in order to help their children—and themselves.
  - d. Need for how to catechize/re-catechize the faithful.
  - e. Need to know God and hear His voice.
  - f. "The Teacher cannot teach unless the student is willing to listen."
  - g. Discussed helping others: What we can do to help others be attentive to the needs of their brothers and sisters.

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Dan

**Meeting Ended:** 9 PM

**Next PPC Meeting:** February 9, at 7 PM in room 162

**Opening Prayer:** Joe DiGiovanni