

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 08, 2015

7:00 PM

Room 167

Members: Fr. Dan, Fr. Maciej, Sandy Beris, Mary Borland, Tom Burns, Joe DiGiovanni, Dennis Kiraly, Barbara Garavalia, Anne Hillebrand, Dina Laughlin, Al Martin, Bud Miller, Luanne Roth, Liz Russell, Neil Wisker

Members Absent: Fr. Dan, Fr. Maciej, Joe DiGiovanni, Dennis Kiraly, Dina Laughlin, Liz Russell

Guests in Attendance: None

Meeting Began: 7:03 PM

Opening Prayer: Luanne Roth

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for June was approved.

Joint Commission Reports:

Admin & Planning

1. Masonry project continues and is halfway done.
2. Roof will be replaced over room 162.
3. New Parish APP is out.
4. New bulletin provider will begin in October.
5. Our goal is to continue to keep our building and grounds in good shape, so your focus when you are here is on the reason you are here and not on a problem you see with the building.

Adult Faith

1. Very pleased with what was accomplished this year.
2. Saw an increase in Faith Breakfasts and RCIA.
3. Still going strong:
 - a. Women's CRHP
 - b. Creeds
 - c. Friday Morning Prayer Group
 - d. Living Word Bible Study
 - e. Small Christian Communities
 - f. Raphael Readers
4. Saw a little dip in:
 - a. Men's CRHP
 - b. MGM
5. Future Goals:
 - a. Faith Breakfasts with the Theme of Prayer
 - b. Men's Ministry with focus on Social, Spiritual, and Service events
 - c. Try to reach the 20 and 30 year olds with families through talks and activities

Finance

1. Successful Stewardship drive last fall:
 - a. 15% increase in credit card donations.
 - b. 10% increase in EFT donations.
 - c. Researching an on-line donation button for this fall.
2. Passed a balanced budget.
3. Sunday's collections are slightly down, but it is offset by expenses being down.
 - a. We thank the staff for watching their expenses.

Liturgical Life

1. Reviewed Bishop's letter on Liturgical points.
2. Read and discussed first half of book "Rebuilt"
3. Nursery is now available every Sunday.
4. Now have over 30 Altar servers.
5. Have new banners and decorations
6. Have 29 new Eucharistic ministers.
7. Have 12 new musicians.
8. Have 20 new Liturgical ministers.
9. Celebrated the following events:
 - a. Liturgical ministers day
 - b. Choral concert
 - c. Advent Christmas concert
 - d. Two Organ concerts
 - e. Parish Mission
 - f. May Crowning
 - g. 40 Hours of Devotion

School Board

1. School and R. E. working very closely together and teaching basically the same things.
2. Students picked "Bridges Transitional Housing" as a Fundraising project.
3. There are more Altar servers.
4. Morning Prayer is led by students every day.
5. 8th Grade trip went great.
6. Looking into security upgrades.
7. Basically same goals for next year with increased focus on technology.

Service Ministry & Pastoral Care

1. 2275 parishioners served others through our 34 different ministries
2. 584 families served through:
 - a. Christmas sharing
 - b. Service days
 - c. St. Vincent DePaul
 - d. Funeral Luncheons
 - e. Support groups
 - f. Home Visitation
3. Thousands of others helped through:
 - a. Hesed House

- b. Edward Hospital
 - c. Loaves and Fishes
 - d. Feed My Starving Children
4. Generous parishioners have donated \$190,000 through our Outreach ministries:
 - a. Special Appeal
 - b. Tithing
 - c. Loaves and Fishes envelopes
 5. Formed a new ministry...a support group for the Bereaved...which will meet twice next year.

Youth Faith Formation

1. 168 First Communicates.
2. Participated in May Crowning.
3. 2 Confirmation Masses...130 Juniors and 159 Sophomores.
4. New RE program has been well received.
5. 7th grade program has been well received.
6. 6th and 7th grade retreat went very well.
7. Harvest food drive went very well.
8. L.O.L. Mission trip has 54 people signed up.
9. 80 Freshman made retreat with 70 pier ministers
10. Grades 1-6 RE program will have 4 projects in Church
11. Totus Tuus this summer.

Pastor's Report

1. We have done a lot of great things this year by working together.
2. We have celebrated together:
 - a. Appreciation dinner
 - b. St. Patrick's day party
 - c. Oktoberfest
3. Thanks to all of you for what you do.
4. We are interviewing people for Barry's position.
5. Next year is the "Year of Mercy" and we will focus on that

New Business:

1. Discerned new Executive committee for PPC:
 - a. PPC Chair – Luanne Roth
 - b. PPC Vice Chair – Neil Wisker
 - c. Secretary – Sandy Beris
2. Forming a "Parish Events Planning Committee"
 - a. Working on Job description
 - b. Will advertise in bulletin
 - c. Looking for people that would like to help or chair committee...Contact Luanne Roth at 630-202-3291 if you are interested.

Old Business:

1. By-Laws revision for Admin and Finance in process, nothing to report.
2. Sound Improvement Committee presented their ideas and a plan for action. It was discerned that they should proceed with their action plan.
3. New At-Large Member is Aaron Nosek.

4. St. Raphael Festival Weekend Celebration budget was discussed and information will be sent to individual Commissions.
5. Good discussion of book "Rebuilt"...Chapter 14 (pages 241 through 253) focusing on leadership.

Closing Prayer: Luanne Roth

Meeting Ended: 7:58 PM

Next PPC Meeting: September 14th, at 7 PM in room 167

Opening Prayer: