

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

March 09, 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, Marilyn Kroenke, Dina Laughlin, Al Martin, Bud Miller, Luanne Roth, Liz Russell, Neil Wisker

Members Absent: Al Martin, Dina Laughlin, Dennis Kiraly, Anne Hillebrand, Luanne Roth, Barbara Garavalia

Guests in Attendance: None

Meeting Began: 7:10 PM

Opening Prayer: Sandy Beris

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for March was approved with an addition.

Commission Reports: From Joint Commissions Meeting

Admin & Planning

1. No Report.

Adult Faith

1. Len Penkala, a parishioner in the Diocesan Diaconate Formation program, updated the commission on his formation project. Len is looking to engage the parish confirmation aged students (8th grade – High School Sophomore and maybe beyond) in group activities in order to bond them into a group/groups to be more involved in parish activities. Discussion followed.
2. No progress has been made with our Young Adults. Carrie Roberts from Benedictine University has agreed to speak with us and offer her suggestions.
3. This year's men's CRHP Renewal has attracted 6 young men under 30. Mark Bernhard, our seminarian intern hopes to meet with these men after CRHP and assist in their bonding.
4. Budgeting will begin being formulated for the next fiscal year.
5. Discussion followed regarding our Faith Breakfasts and subsequent additional speakers. Forming two groups geared toward different age groups seemed to pique everyone's interest.

Finance

1. No Report

Liturgical Life

1. There is going to be a revision to one of the parish center Masses next year (the 2nd Xmas even Mass in the gym will be cancelled).
2. Discussion to have the liturgical ministers at Donut Sunday to encourage people to join the liturgical ministries.
3. Discussion on: The key to growth is to focus on Sundays.
 - Must be welcoming and accessible to families.
 - What are we offering for little children?
 - What are we offering for teens?
 - How we greet people is important.
 - What does the gathering space look like when someone first walks in?
 - How are we treating people in the parking lot?
 - Do people have a sincere feeling of welcome?
 - How are people fed?
4. Sunday Nursery: They are about to hire someone to have a nursery every Sunday at 9 and 10:45. Julie think it should be available during the big parish liturgies.
5. Concern was raised about the purpose of the liturgy committee.

School Board

1. No Report

Service Ministry & Pastoral Care

1. This year's Special Appeal totaled \$35,240.60. Of this, \$23,611.20 was donated to our Special Appeal recipient, DuPage PADS and \$11,629.40 will be donated to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
2. Transitional Housing's new guest and mentors are doing quite well. We will interview for our second guest on March 9th. Bridge Communities will rent the St. Raphael condo at The Ponds beginning April 1st. This will be used for the Bridge Communities Supportive Housing program, which is for guests who are graduating from the Transitional Housing program but not quite ready to be totally self-sufficient. Stay is roughly one year.
3. Our new Bereavement Support Group ended its 6-week session and Facilitator, Liz Russell, did a great job. Two 6-week sessions have been scheduled for next year.
4. Parishioners donated \$1,488 to Companions Journeying Together for its Aunt Mary's Storybook Project. Thank you.
5. 240 Parishioners registered for this year's Spring Service Day at Feed My Starving Children which will take place on March 21st.
6. Bucket Brigade is scheduled for April 11-12 and April 18-19. Buckets will be distributed on 11-12 and collected on 18-19. Cleaning supplies will be donated to Loaves and Fishes Community Pantry. Help is needed to distribute buckets following all Masses.
7. Parish Mission with Fr. Tom McCarty, OSA, will take place April 19-21.

Staff

1. No Report

Youth Faith Formation

1. Grades 7-H.S.
 - Confirmation will be on March 18 and March 19.
 - After the last sophomore retreat, attendance at RPM (Raphael Peer Ministry) tripled the first meeting afterward, and was still double the original number two weeks out. College students continue to hone their leadership skills within RPM.
 - The Love Out Loud (LOL) trip will be to Green Bay this summer and be involved in multiple projects in the community. Two more adult volunteers are needed, but otherwise, all student volunteer spots are full. Students can still sign up and be put on a waiting list.
 - High School groups will be going to Feed My Starving Children on March 21.
 - Planning is underway for Harvest Sunday.
 - Teens are encouraged to come to the Mission on April 19 for the 5:00 PM talk with pizza and fellowship to follow.
2. Grades 1-6
 - The final Catechist training was held the first week of March.
 - The Stations of the Cross on March 13th will provide child-level reflections.
 - Students in grades 3-6 will be going to communal Reconciliation in March.
 - Second graders are looking forward to their First Communion on April 18.

Pastor's Report

1. Chapel should be finished soon with a new Tabernacle (Donated gift), two paintings, and carpet.
2. 40 hours of Devotion went very well. Thanks to all who participated.
3. Women's and Men's CRHP complete. 24 women and 14 men received weekend.
4. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner planning going well. March 14th after 5 PM Mass.
5. Two Confirmations next week. Abbots Austin and Dismass will celebrate liturgies.
6. Seminarian Mark doing very well.
7. New Purple Vestments were donated by St. Raphael staff in honor of Marian's brothers.
8. Budgets being worked on by all Commissions.
9. Liz Russell is taking David Tronsden's place on PPC.

New Business:

1. Commission Members term length as linking Member to PPC will remain the same as currently stated in the Parish By-Laws.
2. Liturgy would like to see Ministries present their Ministry and needs to the parishioners at donut Sundays. This could rotate through all the Ministries. Further Discussion is needed.

Old Business:

1. Diocesan Pastoral Plan/ Deanery meeting...nothing to report
2. Keep asking people to consider discerning for At-Large Members of the PPC along with Linking Members from commissions whose terms are up. Discernment is in May.
3. Yearly celebration/party
 - a. Weekend of Sept. 26/27, Feast of St. Raphael.

- b. Saturday, Sept. 26, Oktoberfest celebration after 5 PM Mass. Mostly for adults. Will be a charge to attend.
 - c. Sunday, Sept. 27, picnic/carnival 1 PM until 5 PM.
 - d. Forming sub-committees from Commissions:
 - Setup
 - Food/Drinks (Admin. Commission)
 - Games (Youth Faith Formation Commission)
 - Kids/Teens Entertainment
 - Bands (Liturgical Life Commission)
 - Tear down and clean up (SM&PC Commission)
 - e. Looking to incorporate Ministry Fair throughout carnival
4. St. Raphael social media presence...Communications Commission/person...Julie Duffin is the new Communications Coordinator. We have signed a new contract with Diocesan Publications to do our bulletin and website. Will be working on a St. Raphael APP.
 5. Sound Improvement Committee
 - a. Next step is to have a sound analysis of church spaces done by end of March.
 6. Discuss book "Rebuilt"...Part Three (pages 99 through 128)...Time ran out, discuss next month.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dan

Meeting Ended: 8:54PM

Next PPC Meeting: April 20th, at 6 PM in room 167

Opening Prayer: Barbara Garavalia