

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 11, 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: Fr. Maciej

Guests in Attendance: Marian Johnston, Owen McGreevey

Meeting Began: 7:02 PM

Opening Prayer: Mary Borland

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for May was approved.

Commission Reports:

Admin & Planning

1. Discussed Commission's responsibilities for St. Raphael Fest:
 - a. Feel there should not be a charge for desserts on Sunday.
 - b. Have a Free Will Offering basket at check-in to defray costs.
 - c. Possible Time-share as an auction item for Saturday night.
2. Questioned whether Admin is a commission and should it have a Linking member on PPC...will operate as present By-Laws state, but could change with revision of By-Laws.
3. Facilities repair will begin on May 11th followed up with additional inspections.
4. St. Raphael APP roll out is slated for May 17th.

Adult Faith

1. Discussion centered on speakers for the 2015-16 season.
 - a. Good ideas of individual speakers: Fr John Cusack from Old St Pat's, John Cavadini from Notre Dame, Vice Gaddis from Benedictine University and Steve Bevans from Catholic Theological Union.
 - b. There are 4 Faith Breakfast scheduled: Sept 12, Nov 14, Jan 9 and March 12 and 3 Friday Night Talks: Sept 18, Oct 16 and Jan 15.
2. Intriguing idea was brought up to bring in Pastors from our neighborhood churches for a discussion.
 - a. Knox Presbyterian, Good Shepard Lutheran, Grace United Methodist and Calvary Church.
 - b. Topics varied from Prayer or a passage from scripture, where the audience could get a glimpse of what the different denomination believe or interpret to a wanting to know just how the different churches are coping with declining attendance, what is the climate of the neighborhood, are there ministries we can collaborate on.

3. An idea for a Friday Night was a social Wine and Cheese Tasting, a night out for the couples to relax and enjoy the company of other younger married couples.

Finance

1. No Report

Liturgical Life

1. Trying to schedule a joint meeting with the pastor for early next year. Possibly present him with questions ahead of time. What is the vision/purpose? This needs clarification, because this will help give direction to the liturgy commission.
2. Baptism comments: Welcome/introduction of the child at the Mass; baptism to follow outside of Mass.
3. Confirmation Mass will be on November 21 @10 and 1 PM. It will be the sophomore class.
4. Altar Families: Will be continued at the 7:30 Mass. All other Masses will have servers. There will be two servers at weddings and funerals
5. Accomplishments to report for Tuesday, June 2:
 - Liturgical ministry forms yielded new ministers. There were about 30 respondents, including altar families.
 - Liturgical issues do come to the commission, and are filtered back for a resolution. We are a sounding board for parishioner's concerns.
 - Our sound system has greatly improved --- what we have done is getting presider's to work harder to use the system and to educate the sound board operators. The sound person came out to make adjustments.
 - Working with the parish council (kiosk, sound issues, festival).
 - Marilyn has done a wonderful job of connecting with the pastoral council and keeping us updated.
 - Special liturgies that we have are wonderful celebrations. Evaluating why the numbers are declining (5PM Mass).
 - Liturgy commission helped with the parish mission.
 - We address the difficult issues that happen in the parish related to liturgy and would like to share this with the pastor and the pastoral council so that we can resolve the issues in a pastoral way.
 - We are wondering how to make the parish council more known to the parish. There needs to be more contact information in the bulletin. Heads of each commission should be noted as well.
6. Went over the budget for next year.
7. We will be looking for a couple new members for next year. The discernment day is August 11, 2015.

School Board

1. Budget approved by school board and submitted to finance committee.
2. Technology upgrades scheduled for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. Continuing safety initiative and improvement to the school.
4. Discussing implementing FACTS next year. It is a new tuition and fee payment system.
5. Discernment for new board positions at May meeting.

Service Ministry & Pastoral Care

1. Bucket Brigade - this was our biggest year ever! About 300 buckets filled with cleaning supplies were returned. These supplies weighed 4665 pounds and valued at \$13,300.
2. Mother's Day Cards - This year we sold Spiritual Bouquet cards for Mother's Day, to date, we have raised approximately \$2,000 for the parish Respect Life efforts.
3. The St. Vincent de Paul clothing and small household items drive will take place the weekend of May 16-17. Bags are being distributed after all Masses the weekend of May 9-10.
4. Our annual Offering of Letters, held in conjunction with Bread for the World (with whom the USCCB also collaborates) will take place the weekend of May 30-31. This year our focus is on asking Congress to strengthen and protect child nutrition programs.

Staff

1. No Report

Youth Faith Formation

1. Totus Tuus - June 14 to 20.
 - a. Food (lunch/dinner each weekday for seminarians and female workers).
 - b. Need help with snacks each day for the kids June 15-19.
 - c. Need help with hosting the seminarians and female workers in separate houses during their stay.
 - d. Need help with registrations -- need people to sign up kids after seminarians speak at the masses on June 13/14.
 - e. Also, need volunteers to sign kids in during the week.
 - f. Supervisors needed for lunch and recess during the week. (Must be legal age and have had PGC)
2. Next year's 1st through 5th RE:
 - a. Registration materials should be out by June. Hopes are to have them online this year.
 - b. Approximately once per month kids will come to the church for a combined activity instead of being in their regularly scheduled class that week.
 - c. Plan is to still have the choices Sunday and Tuesday
 - d. Most grades will stay with same curriculum
 - e. 6th grade curriculum will most likely change
3. Other notes:
 - a. Plan is to invite potential new RE Commission members to Joint Commission meeting on June 2. Michelle to send a note inviting them to the meeting.

Pastor's Report

1. Committee formed and briefed as to the interview process to fill Barry's position.
2. "Year of Mercy" next year throughout the Catholic Church and it will be our focus. Looking for speakers for the 2017 Parish Mission.
3. Seminarian Mark Bernhard has left and we are very appreciative of having him and thank all parishioners for making him feel so welcomed.
4. Fr. Maciej will be in Poland for 3 weeks.
5. \$10,000 was raised for the Nepal Relief drive
6. St. Raphael APP is online. Please download it to keep up to date with what is going on at St. Raphael. A new website will be coming in the future.
7. May Crowning went very well as did Mother's Day celebration.

New Business:

1. None

Old Business:

1. Budget was presented for review and discussion.
2. By-Laws revision for Admin and Finance in process.
 - a. Joint Commissions meeting for year-end summary June 2nd is set for 7 PM in room 162. Agenda is being finalized.
3. Sound Improvement Committee is considering options available.
4. Linking Members are to have your replacement at June PPC meeting and bring binder for pass down.
5. May discernment for new At-Large Member. Should be at PPC meeting in June. Outgoing At-Large Member to pass down binder.
6. St. Raphael Festival Weekend Celebration budget has been approved. Sandy Beris is looking into a group entertainment package for kids and adults. She will pass along budget details when they become available.
7. Diocesan Pastoral Plan/ Deanery meetings report:
 - a. Will meet 3 times a year with us and with Bishop.
 - b. Focus on vocations
 - a. Have a vocations fair to present different options available.
 - b. Communicate at their level and media.
 - c. St. Isaac Jogues making YouTube Spot with seminarians to be available to all churches.
 - d. Diocesan Pastoral Plan is to focus on those 3 goals/principles at the Parish level.
 - e. Staff/Commissions should try to communicate with other parishes to see what is going on and what is working/ not working.
8. Any commission may present their needs to parishioners at Donut Sundays.
9. Good discussion of book "Rebuilt"...Part Three (pages 99 through 128):
 - a. Church should not be an obligation, it should be an opportunity.
 - b. Sacraments bring Catholics back.
 - c. How do we get the youth engaged?

Closing Prayer: Fr. Dan

Meeting Ended: 9:04 PM

Next PPC Meeting: June 8th, at 7 PM in room 167

Opening Prayer: Luanne Roth