

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2015

7:00 PM

Room 167

Members: Fr. Dan, Fr. Maciej, Sandy Beris, Joe DiGiovanni, Dennis Kiraly, Scott Rolston, Mike Huck, Kurt Lange, Aaron Nosek, Barbara Garavalia, Al Martin, Luanne Roth, Liz Russell, Neil Wisker

Members Absent: Scott Rolston, Joe DiGiovanni, Fr. Dan, Dennis Kiraly, LLC linking member

Guests in Attendance: none

Meeting Began: 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Neil Wisker

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for October was approved.

Commission Reports:

Adult Faith

1. Programs & budgets were discussed at the last commission meeting
2. Nov. 7 – 2nd faith breakfast

Finance

No report

Liturgical Life

I. Reviewed September Minutes

- * Wedding bans: The couples names are now published in the bulletin in advance of their wedding date.
- * Child lectors doing a wonderful job. There are 5 new and 26 total child lectors.
- * Three new adult lectors were trained recently
- * Jeanne had thank you notes for Christine Palumbo and Barbara Yahnke for their terrific reports last month.

II. Lisa Daly gave a Wedding Hostess Ministry report. From January to October 2015 there have been 30 weddings, 29 rehearsals, 1 engagement mass. There are 8 active hostesses. We like to get together for support, share, and scrumptious food –usually at someone’s home. Suggestions for adding new members to the ministry included: calling parents or sending them a note about a month after a wedding to see if they would be interested in joining the ministry. Also, put a request for more wedding hostesses in the bulletin in February, ahead of the wedding season.

III. New LLC Positions - Lisa Daly will be co-facilitator of LLC. Bill Gallagher will be our PPC representative. If Bill is unable to fulfil his duty, Ruth Kerkemeyer will sub for him. PPC meets the second Monday of the month.

IV. Joint Commission Meeting—November 3, 7-9 p.m. in Room 162, includes food and discussion.
Agenda – how will we celebrate the Year of Mercy?

V. Shared wisdom and consensus decision making –we are accustomed to using this approach. Strive to strengthen this process to bring others along with plans and decisions.

VI. Seasonal Books—What are our options are there and what should we order?

- Little Books are still available.
- Fr. Dan suggested Bishop Barron's Advent Reflections Booklet
- Magnificat has published a Year of Mercy Companion with a reflection / devotion for each day of the Holy Year, Dec. 8, 2015 through Nov. 20, 2016.
- Follow up:
 - > Review options on line (Robert will send links) and give feedback.
 - > Perhaps Little Books for Lent-Easter and something different for Advent-Christmas
 - > Maybe provide a Year of Mercy and seasonal book this Advent?

VII. Minister's Day review - received lots of good feedback. The personal reflections from parishioners were powerful.

Rebuilt discussion of Ch. 11

- * Goal of every member of the parish involved in a ministry
- * Renewed effort now for how we welcome and encourage others to share their gifts
- * As LLC members we can help relay a vision of recognizing and sharing gifts
- * Ministers work together as a team. Every ministry is important.
- * Get people started in small incremental ways
- * Affirmation is important

School Board

1. No Report

Service Ministry & Pastoral Care

1. On October 6, 2015, the SMPC gathered representatives from each ministry to formally greet Barry O'Donnell.
2. Representatives described their ministry, and how God has touched them through it.
3. As a prelude to the Jubilee Year of Mercy, attendees participated in a prayer reflection on mercy that included table discussions of Pope Francis statements on that theme.
4. We opened the reflection with some definitions of mercy and one of Pope Francis's prayers from his encyclical, *Laudato Si*. We concluded the evening by praying the admonitions of St. Francis of Assisi on mercy and love. (His feast day was a few days earlier.)
5. We know the Jubilee Year doesn't begin until Advent, but we wanted to take advantage of this gathering of SMPC ministries to reflect and "break open" the concept of mercy.

Staff

1. No Report

Youth Faith Formation

1. Magnet calendars were purchased and given to every YFF family in grades 1-6.

2. On October 20th, all students in grades 1-5 will meet at the parish for a special activity about Halloween, the saints, and special October celebrations in the church.
3. High school students were in retreat the weekend of Sept. 26/27.

Pastor's Report

1. Two events are being planned in conjunction with the faith community at Sts. Peter & Paul
 - a. World Youth Day trip (Poland)
 - b. Corpus Christi Procession – outdoor mass at Rotary Hill followed by a procession in downtown Naperville
2. A seminarian will be coming to our parish again this January

New Business:

1. Starting with the first week in Advent, bulletin articles will adhere to the topic of: Our Catholic Identity – Living a Life of Mercy

Old Business:

1. By-Laws revision for Admin and Finance in process. Essentially, the plan is to remove Admin as a commission and have Finance take its place.
2. Sound Improvement Committee is considering options available. A sound evaluation performed by an outside company will be completed after Jan. 1st
3. St. Raphael Festival Weekend Celebration was considered a successful event. Comments were generally positive. An extra face painter could have been present. Another suggestion was to move the two major events to two weekends to serve as bookends for the event, rather than have two large events the same weekend. One final suggestion was to have pizza and a movie night for the kids in the school lunchroom while parents went to a party in the gym.
4. Events Planning Committee
 - a. The group would have 4 permanent members and ask for more volunteers as needed.
 - b. Would be responsible for:
 - i. Anniversaries
 - ii. Ordination celebrations
 - iii. Retirements
 - iv. Annual events (ex. St. Raphael Fest)
 - v. Welcome New hires
 - vi. Bi-annual volunteer appreciation celebration
 - vii. Priest leaving

Closing Prayer: Fr. Maciej

Meeting Ended: 7:35 PM

Next PPC Meeting: November 9th, at 7 PM in room 167

Opening Prayer: Luanne Roth

Joint Commission Meeting Date: Nov. 3 - Implementing the Year of Mercy
