

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 13, 2016

Rectory

Members Present: Fr. Dan, Sandy Beris, Ann Dumais, Mike Huck, Kurt Lange, Dennis Kiraly, Joe DiGiovanni, Al Martin, Luanne Roth, Aaron Nosek, Liz Russell, Bill Gallagher, Neil Wisker, Fr. Maciej, Peter Hautman

Members Absent: Barbara Garavalia, Gerard Fosco

Guests: none

Meeting Began: 7:45 PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dan

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

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for June was approved.

Commission Reports:

Adult Faith

- No official meeting was held this month, but work has already begun on the Friday night and Saturday morning breakfast speakers.

Finance

- A balanced budget was submitted to the diocese this year.
- The budget for next year lowers the projected Sunday revenue from \$2,196,000 to \$2,153,000. This is due primarily to the fact that Christmas will fall on a Sunday this year, and the school's 5% tuition increase. (Though St. Raphael school tuition is still lower than other Catholic schools in the area.)

Liturgical Life

- Corpus Christi was a success both liturgically and socially. Even though it fell on Memorial Day weekend, approximately 800 people were in attendance. Next year's goal is to expand the event to include four or five parishes in the day.
- The most recent request for volunteers garnered 54 new recruits...primarily as Eucharistic Ministers and Hospitality leaders.

School Board

- Two Kindergartens will be needed for the 2016-2017 school year thanks to the hard work of the families and leadership at St. Raphael school.

Service Ministry & Pastoral Care

- Diocesan Offering of Letters Celebration, June 1, 2016, Blanchette Center. Joint effort with Bread for the World. There was a prayer over multiple parishes' letters, sharing of stories, and a celebratory dinner. Twelve parishes participated and generated 2,700 letters (353 from St. Raphael). Bread for the World staff hand-delivered the letter Senators Durbin and Kirk in Washington as part of Bread's Lobby Day on June 7, 2016, while those who could not accompany the letters participated in a Virtual Lobby Day.
- Hesus House operations are running smoothly and we have continued support in terms of food and volunteers.
- Samaritan Interfaith – St. Elizabeth Seton hosted a St. Dymphna mass for those affected by suicide. Discussed expending efforts on mental health issues.
- Discussed how we can distribute all prayer requests among various groups, e.g. CRHP, Knights of Columbus, Cursillo, etc.).
- Hope in Action follow-up - possibly do some Saturday AM activities next year to attract people after Mass.
- Judith Kinnavy will be taking on the Blood Pressure screening program.
- Discussed possible Gathering of SMPC Ministries in Fall 2016 – more details TBD.

Staff

Youth Faith Formation

- VBS is back! June 13-17 in conjunction with Sts. Peter & Paul for students in K-4th grade

Pastor's Report

- Because we are a not for profit institution, any excess money has to be used. This year the parish had an excess of approximately \$100,000. Three major projects will be undertaken:
 - Roofing above the childcare room and administration will be repaired costing about \$57, 500.
 - Carpeting will be put down in the hallways (esp. the linking hallway) to cut down on the number of falls for our parishioners.
 - Several walls in the church and narthex will be painted (they have not been painted since the building was completed.)

New Business:

- Officers were elected for 2016-2017
 - Neil Wisker was selected to serve as the Chair
 - Mike Huck was selected to serve as the Vice Chair
 - Al Martin was selected to serve as the Secretary

Old Business:

- Discernment for new members was held on June 11, 2016 and led by Ray Schulte. Five individuals had initially expressed interest in filling the two at-large positions. However only three individuals were able to attend the discernment. At that time, it was determined that Gerard Fosco and Peter Hautman would accept the two at-large positions.

- The Hospitality ministry will now be led by Julie Treacy. Her first project will be a reception for the deacons this August. Julie will be working with Marian. Joe diGiovanni has offered to cook for events as needed.
- Luanne Roth and Bill Gallagher attended the most recent **Deanery** meeting. (Bill will be taking over as the Deanery rep.) At that meeting, St. Margaret Mary parish presented their pastoral plan. Neil Gorman spoke about some of the changes the parish has implemented after reading Rebuilt. He is willing to present the topic to the St. Raphael PPC this September. *(From the April meeting: After much discussion, it was determined that at the Joint meeting that kicks off each year, the Mission and Vision of the parish would be reviewed. As a group, those gathered would recommit themselves to making St. Raphael a welcoming place for all to worship.)*
- RENEW presentation discussion
 - People had mixed feelings about the project
 - The parish already has a history of small Christian communities which would make second year implementation easier
 - St. Raphael has over 120 ministries and already does many of the things that RENEW tries to encourage
 - Concern arose that staff and volunteers would be pulled away from existing programs just to run RENEW.
 - Many felt that the main focus for the parish should be (1) reaching out to 20-35 year olds and (2) welcoming new parishioners in a way that helps feel included and involved...to this end a new welcome packet and program is ready to be rolled out this August. What about having a "host family" based on neighborhoods who could make the transition easier for new families?

Closing Prayer: Luanne Roth

Meeting Ended: 8:50PM

Next PPC Meeting: Sept. 12, at 7 PM in room 167

Opening Prayer: Neil Wisker