

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 20th, 2017

Time: 7:38 pm

Location: Parish Library C 103

Attending: Father Pat, Bill Inch (Chair / Worship), Helen Cascio (Secretary / Service), Fran Smith (2nd Vice Chair), Walter Gawlak (Education),-Ana Maria Aldana (At Large), Karen Asta (At Large), Maria Maldonado (At Large), Bill McCarthy (At Large), Tim O'Connor (Staff Liaison), Eduardo Sevilla (Recording Secretary)

Guest: Eric McDade

Prayer: Bill Inch

Formation: Walter Gawlak

Finance: Fran Smith

- Focus is on next budget
- Contributions are switching to Faith Direct
 - Will check on progress with next months contributions
 - General reaction is good as easy to access
- Capital contribution campaign
 - Delayed due to finishing the debt
 - Prioritization of repairs and changes

Minutes: Review of March minutes

Motion to accept made, seconded, and accepted

School Update: None due to conflict with school vacation schedule

PTPO Update: None due to conflict with school vacation schedule

Commission Reports: (Major Highlights/Items)

- Community Service: Helen Cascio
 - SALT:
 - Participated in Lenten Soup & Supper @ St, John Neumann.
 - The program focused on making a difference for ex-offenders, re-entry, and solitary confinement issues.
 - Participated in PAX on being a voice for the voiceless.
 - TANF families will get an increase in subsistence as of July 1.
 - FACETS:
 - Hot meals were done on March 27th.
 - 10 people were doing the preparations.
 - 3 cars made deliveries.
 - ESL
 - April 18th launched it's spring term.
 - 152 students will be going on Tuesday and Thursday until June 8th.
 - A new class was added for beginner English.
 - There are over 80 volunteers, but could always use more help.
 - Breakdown: 55% Latin, 25% Asia/Pacific, 14% Middle Eastern/Africa, 5% European.
- Religious Education: Walter Gawlak
 - Confirmation retreats completed
 - Interesting comments in interviews
 - Is there a way of developing an anonymous service to answer some questions?

- Development of a family-centric activity to help bring everyone into the community
 - Replacement books and programs are coming for the 7th/8th grade levels
 - The Tuesday Religious Education class is being discontinued due to lack of interest
- Community Growth: Helen Cascio for Cris Revaz
 - Knights of Columbus wondering how to develop a better niche within the parish
 - Next movie night is *Hidden Figures*
 - Newcomer's luncheon is on Sunday, April 23rd. There are 30 to 40 new church attendees.
 - Praying College Moms is getting ready for the April 30th book signing of *And So We Pray* by Maribeth Harper and forward by Father Scalia at the Barnes and Noble/Catholic University
 - We need an information desk person
 - Easter Egg Hunt will be going on this Sunday, April 23rd
 - Clean Bin Project is potentially underway to help save resources and energy thereby improving the environment
- Worship: Bill Inch
 - Team has not yet met due to the Easter services
 - During Easter services, the Mass in the Cassidy Activities Center was full but comfortable
- Youth: Eric McDade (Youth Minister)
 - Living Stations of the Cross successful
 - High School Retreat
 - Middle/Junior High School Rally
 - 2 buses to St John Paul the Great

- Helps familiarize participants with the concepts of retreats
 - Always can use more volunteer chaperones
- Young Adults
 - No snow Ski trip
 - Theology on Tap
- Draw parents into the youth ministry
 - Today's youth are not latch key
 - Modern communications have changed relations
 - New style

Old Business:

- Evangelization – report delayed to next month
- Maneline
 - Definitely not going to be emailed
 - Available on website
- Confirmation
 - Friday, May 12th, 2017 at 7:30 pm
 - Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Broglio, Archdiocese of Military Services
 - Bishop Michael Burbidge is following the previously arranged schedule of Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde

New Business:

- Newcomers luncheon on April 23rd
- April 29th: Volunteer Appreciation dinner
 - Pastoral council to help serve the chicken
 - Starts after the 5:30 liturgy
- Easter egg hunt
 - Will use gym in case of rain

- Younger children will go first, then the Easter bunny, then the older children
- Father Innocent has successfully completed his course of study and is graduating. He will be returning to his native Rwanda, possibly as early as June.

Eyes and Ears:

- General satisfaction with the Easter services

Closing Prayer: Fr. Pat

Meeting Ends at 8:53.

Next Meeting: May 11th, 2017