

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 9th, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Parish Library C 103

Attending: Father Pat, Bill Inch (Chair / Worship), Helen Cascio (Secretary / Service), Kelly Boyle (1st Vice Chair), Fran Smith (2nd Vice Chair), Walter Gawlak (Education), Cris Revaz (Community Growth), Karen Asta (At Large), Kurt Dieterle (At Large), Maria Maldonado (At Large), Bill McCarthy (At Large), Tim O'Connor (Staff Liaison), Darcie Girmus (School Liaison), Eduardo Sevilla (Recording Secretary)

Youth Commission does not have a chair

Prayer: Kelly Boyle

Formation: Helen Cascio

Finance: Meeting 2/14

Minutes: Review of November minutes. Motion to accept, seconded, and approved

School Update: Darcie Girmus

- New cabinets have been placed in the classrooms
- Four students went to Rally for Life at George Mason
 - Uncomfortable with students going to the March in Washington
 - Students loved the experience
 - Possibility that this will be an 8th grade trip next year
- Adoration scheduled for Feb 23rd

- Science Fair today
- High School Placement exams: five 99s and five in the 95-98 range

PTPO Update: Darcie Girmus for Tania Lionato

- Spring Readathon is starting for fund raising
- Main objective is the replacement of one lap top cart

Commission Reports: (Major Highlights/Items)

- Community Service: Helen Cascio
 - SALT and legislative (January)
 - ESL: 149 students, 16 new volunteers, and 2 new classroom aids are the latest counts
 - McDowell County truck is waiting for a weekend with good weather to ship the donations
- Religious Education: Walter Gawlak
 - Formation
 - RCIA
 - Catholics who are only baptized
 - Other groups
 - Are Recordings available?
 - RE
 - Good parent turn out
 - Coloring for Religious education
- Community Growth: Cris Revaz
 - Care for Our Common Home ministry – care for the planet through sustainability
 - Lowering resource usage in order to preserve planet
 - A chair for the “Welcome and Information” desk is needed
- Worship: Bill Inch

- Easter season preparations are up and running
- Christmas mass set up and coordination went well
 - Three masses at 3:45 on the schedule
 - Recommendation that the process be continued
- Possibility of a 6 pm mass?
 - Is it the consensus of the Worship Commission that whenever considering additional scheduling of a 6pm Sunday Mass, the intent for this Mass should remain as it is today, i.e. a youth & family Mass
 - Logistics to consider with the coordination of all groups (Eucharistic Ministers, Music, Readers, Altar servers, Ushers, etc.)
 - Is it the Worship Commission's recommendation, that to test the feasibility of a regular 6pm mass, consideration should be given to expanding the schedule for the once a month 6pm Youth & Family Mass to include the months of July, August and September. These are currently the months when the once a month 6pm Youth and Family Mass is not held.
- Youth: Father Pat
 - Youth: Ski Trip on President's Day
 - Young Adult: Following weekend
 - 2 Confirmation retreats on schedule
 - Looking forward to the Mulch Sale

Old Business: Feedback from Retreat

- Best one ever
- 1st timer: all good topics
- Fellowship fostered and grown
- Glad it was back in the chapel

- Symbolism on retreat – the arras (wall hanging/tapestry) in the church. Is there a way of paying a description on the song sheet or article in the maneline about the arras and inform the parishioners on what is before them?

New Business: Discussion of FORMED

- Good reaction for Christmas in Rome
- Using it all the time
- Wild Goose series recommended
- Adaptable for catechists
- Year long trial started in November

Eyes and Ears:

- Bingo Night (Jan 21) – This was a youth ministry fundraiser to reduce costs for those going to the work camp. While it was well thought out, it was poorly attended. Part of the problem is that it was on Thursday of a long weekend and not prominently written up in the bulletin.
 - Post event assessment
 - People heard of the event and opted not to attend
 - Scheduling conflicts
- St John Neumann Knights of Columbus hold monthly charity breakfast for Project Gabriel. Possibility for doing something similar here?
 - \$7 covers food and charity
 - Propose that the Knights of Columbus do the cooking and cleaning
 - Send to Cris for consideration
- Cushions in pews are badly stained
 - Cleaned every other year

- Might do it this summer if necessary
- Two parishioners mentioned Father Innocent did a fine job
- Youth commission head is being sought
- Feedback request from Staff on how people are getting their information on parish activities
- Maneline
 - More concerns
 - Committee to be more timely as it sometimes announces events that have already occurred
 - Delayed due to lack of articles or delayed articles
 - Down to ten issues a year
 - Discuss whether it is helpful and of interest or a communication style that has seen its day
 - Takes a week to lay out; takes a month to print and send so it takes quite a while to produce
- Mark Gurley / Faith Direct to be coming soon
- Easter Egg hunt after Easter: Talk to Bill Grossman (Community growth)
- Youth Mass (6 pm) and Tacos! Spirit Team!

Closing Prayer: Fr. Pat

Time Ended: 8:58 pm

Next Meeting: March 9th, 2017