

## Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

**Date: February 11, 2016**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**Location: Parish Library C 103**

**Attending: Father Pat, Kurt Dieterle, Helen Cascio, Fran Smith, Jerry Wilkowski, Kelly Boyle, Walter Gawlak, Bern Diederich, Alexandra Cribbin, Bill Inch, Maria Maldonado, Bill McCarthy, Ana Maria Aldana, Kristen Day, Darcie Girmus and Tim O'Connor**

**Opening prayer: Kurt Dieterle**

**Formation: Kelly Boyle and Bern Diederich presented Pange Lingua along with the words and meaning. It is a song/chant/prayer from the 1500s by Francis of Assisi.**

**Finance: Jerry Wilkowski**

- **Finance Committee**
  - **Due to weather, the Finance Meeting was cancelled**
  - **CFC is paid off**

**November Minutes: Motion accepted to accept.**

**School Update: Darcie Girmus**

- **Thanked judges for science fair**
- **Catholic Schools week coming up**
- **Postponed Basketball game**
- **Spelling bee, geography bee, RESPECT is virtue**
- **DARE coming up for the 5th graders**
- **Field trip information... three in one day. Art museum, Bureau of Printing and Engraving and to Gatsby's**

## **PTPO Update: Darcie Girmus for Jennifer Trax**

- **Lion Laps fundraiser is March 9th.**
  - **Funds will be used to address the Teachers wish list**

## **Commission Reports: (Major Highlights/Items)**

- **Community Service: Helen Cascio**
  - **TESL started after the storm - we have 147 students from 36 countries**
- **Religious Education: Walter Gawlak**
  - ***Jean L.* - Greater attempt to integrate RCIA to community. Neophytes joining small community of faith - inviting them on a monthly basis to make sure they feel welcome. Baltimore mid Atlantic conference attended by Jean L.**
  - ***Anna Lisa* - building spirit teams for confirmation 2017**
- **Community Growth: Kristen Day**
  - **Wonderful showing at movie night**
  - **Special Needs Group met in January**
  - **Small Community of Faith trying to build up**
  - **Kristen feels masses have been full - do we have any information on this?**
  - **In addition, Bill feels we should do coffee and donuts weekly**
- **Worship: Bill Inch**
  - **Holy week planning: We voted for having a third mass on Christmas Eve.**
- **Youth: Alexandra Cribbin**
  - **Confirmation retreats - due to enrollment, there are going to be 2 groups going.**
  - **Planning a young adult ski trip to bring more young adults into the church**

## **Old Business:**

- **Retreat: Bern enjoyed the retreat. Monsignor did a fantastic job as did Nancy Novelly. The kids singing and group discussions were wonderful!**
- **Newcomer's luncheon is on April 17th. Plan on helping and being an ambassador after 11:45 mass. There are approximately 20**

people that show up to the meetings and Bern discussed how the meetings go.

#### **New Business:**

- **Tim Moran would like to speak about a fundraising program. We all agreed to welcome him to our March meeting.**
- **New parish mission statement: It's in the 50th Anniversary prayer; RE had cards made up with the statement on it. It is not in the bulletin yet. It's read over the loud speaker at the school. Let's put it on the agenda at the top.**
- **Bill McCarthy - Can we explain what the pastoral council does? How can we get this out? Put it on the website. We should wear our nametags!**
- **Q&A do you know what the pastoral council does? When is the Newcomers meeting?**
- **Recommendations of how we can help? Give them to Bill McCarthy.**

#### **Eyes and Ears:**

- **Bill McCarthy - suggestion box? Small steps. It should be something directed toward the Pastoral Council**
- ***Capital Improvements:* donation - green envelopes, Let's get a number at the next finance council meeting**
- **Bill McCarthy: how can we improve attendance on all our groups? We can have certain groups send their information to each group. We are talking about integrating our groups through email. Need more recommendations for communication.**
- **Bern Diederich: mailings are expensive - use email judiciously.**
- **Kurt Dieterle: look into how we can make recommendations. Cost effectiveness. Send suggestions to Bern on how we can consolidate our email distributions. Discussion ran into how cumbersome too many emails would be.**

- **How do we update the register - Tim didn't have much information we need to try to get this updated. Online? Email updates?**
- **Bill McCarthy gave his email: billmccarthy1944@gmail.com**
- **Wiping off the chalice - Parishioners are concerned these are NOT being wiped off properly before the next person comes up**
- **SMACK team did a great job on spaghetti dinner**
- **We should get new poor boxes**
- **Please greet people! We should be more welcoming. Ushers should be more welcoming - happy and gregarious! Darcie: each family should be assigned a weekend to greet at the door - Spirit Teams and worship commission can lead this**
- **Fr. Pat commented on the retreat**

**Closing prayer: Fr. Pat**

**Meeting closed: 9:10**

**Next Meeting: March 17, 2016**

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