

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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Date: March 9th, 2017

Time: 7:33 pm

Location: Parish Library C 103

Attending: Father Pat, Bill Inch (Chair / Worship), Helen Cascio (Secretary / Service), Fran Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair), Walter Gawlak (Education), Cris Revaz (Community Growth), Karen Asta (At Large), Kurt Dieterle (At Large), John Piescik (At Large), Maria Maldonado (At Large), Bill McCarthy (At Large), Tim O'Connor (Staff Liaison), Eduardo Sevilla (Recording Secretary)

Prayer: Walter Gawlak

Formation: Bill Inch

Finance: Fran Smith and Tim O'Connor (update of Faith Formation)

- Christmas tithing totaled \$108,000, due in part from the extra mass
- Tithing allocation will trickle down through the budget process
- \$52,000 marked for capital improvements
- 402 students (409 capacity) are enrolled for next school year
- Teacher salaries are being finalized
- Faith Direct
  - We are already using an electronic automatic funds transfer from checking account
    - It never had more than 300 people
    - Biggest reason for not enrolling: “Too difficult”
    - Other complaint: hard to change contributions
  - Faith Direct
    - Online service

- There are more controls and is more flexible
- Allows for 2<sup>nd</sup> collections
- Widely used throughout the diocese
- New kick off weekend this week
  - Mail this week
    - Letter for those who are electronic
    - Other letter for those who are not
  - Talk during this week
  - E-mail
  - On website with links and videos
- Will have optional card to put in the collection basket
- Can use credit card
  - Saves money by no longer sending out envelopes

Minutes: Review of February minutes

Minor tweaks to be discussed after the meeting

School Update: Not available due to school schedule conflict Darcie Girmus

PTPO Update: Father Pat for Tania Lionato

- Presentation on relationship aggression
  - Giving the cold shoulder
  - Rolling of eyes
  - Women in a box (but not too...)
  - Men in a box (cool...)
  - Social media
  - Being part of the group – transitions in moving between old friends and new groups
  - Get to know your kids and what they are on (machinery, not just aps)

## Commission Reports: (Major Highlights/Items)

- Community Service: Helen Cascio
  - Truck to West Virginia is scheduled to leave March 18; Packing on the 17<sup>th</sup>; volunteers wanted to help load
- Religious Education: Walter Gawlak
  - Sunday morning programs moving along
  - Committee on sabbatical due to heavy schedule
  - Children moving on the path, including working on Lent
- Community Growth: Cris Revaz
  - Parish Breakfast for San Gabriel's
    - Working with Knights of Columbus
    - Working on dates (April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>)
    - Start after 8:15 and run through 10:00 and after.
    - 5-6 volunteers per mass
    - Target is 100 persons
    - Pancake, sausage, fresh fruit \$10 a head. Possible discount for families or kids.
    - Discussion stopped at this point as this is a fundraiser and is therefore not allowed. It can be done as a community event but not for the raising of money.
  - Small Communities of Faith March 25 Lenten morning of reflections (Mass, light breakfast, talks)
- Worship: Bill Inch
  - Setting up for Holy Week
  - Greeters for Easter? To be brought up.
- Youth: Kevin
  - 120 confirmation kids on retreat weekends
  - Work Camp – from group to diocesan
    - 19 registered (including 2 from Our Lady of Sorrows)
    - 4 adult leaders, but needing one more (at least)

- 850 total going to camp

## Old Business:

- Maneline commentaries
  - Not a lot of value
    - Planning – monthly or in the past
    - Too long articles
    - Not of parish
    - Impersonal and lack of focus
  - Newsletter
    - Electronic
    - Parish interviews
    - Columns
  - Read, but shift funds if necessary
    - Attach electronic to five things
  - Solicit articles to more sources or to the diocese
  - Interview members of council
  - Articles on ministries
  - Add jokes/cartoons
  - Timeliness –
    - 45 days between production and publishing
    - Lack of reporters
  - Mailed to registered households (2700-2800?)
  - Designed to augment the bulletin with in-depth articles
  - Young favor the electronics (Phones); Middles are okay:  
Above 50s are reading but are willing to give up about the money
  - Benefit of getting your name in the paper
  - Put survey in the maneline? Cost is \$2K an issue (18K a year)

- Give the Maneline a goal?
  - Electronic newsletter?
  - No printed copy?
- Website that not gone to;
- Print 100? Still has the timeliness.
- Status report Evangelization status
  - Not done by firm
  - Not done in house
  - Evangelization by Bern report – something needs to be done
  - Alienation of choirs on focus mass
  - John Piescik to run status check

#### New Business:

- Plasma screens highlighting events and other items near entrances
- Where
- Avoid congestion areas

#### Eyes and Ears:

- CFC is getting the weather worn look – pillars on front
  - Not high priority but being addressed
- Volunteer appreciation dinner April 29<sup>th</sup>
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> is newcomers lunch

Closing Prayer: Fr. Pat

Meeting Ends at 8:53.

Next Meeting: April 20th, 2017 (Note date due to Holy Thursday)