

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11th, 2017

Time: 7:37 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), Cris Revaz (Community Growth), Karen Asta (At Large), Kurt Dieterle (At Large), John Piescik (At Large), Bill McCarthy (At Large), Kelly Boyle (At Large), Tim O'Connor (Staff Liaison), Eduardo Sevilla (Recording Secretary)

Prayer: Kurt Dieterle

Formation: Helen Cascio

Finance: Fran Smith

- Faith Direct
 - The number of parishioners using Faith Direct is increasing.
 - Money is saved by not having to send envelopes.
 - Payments are made on schedule determined by the parishioner.
- Budget is being discussed and recommended by the Finance Council to the pastor.

Minutes: Review of April minutes

School Update: Darcie Girmus

- Four teachers are leaving at the end of the year
- Plans for next year's auction underway

- 15th Anniversary of the Christian Formation Center
- Scheduled for April 18th 2018
- Student records breakdown
 - First set
 - Basic reports
 - Report Cards
 - Testing results
 - Confidential papers such as special education requirements
 - Second set
 - Emails and other communications
 - Notes by teachers in reference to students

Commission Reports: (Major Highlights/Items)

- Community Service: Helen Cascio
 - ESL surged up to 184 students (from 175)
 - 34% friends and family
- Religious Education: Walter Gawlak
 - Family at First Communion thought the family going to receive the sacrament is a great bonding moment
 - Confirmation tomorrow (May 12th)
 - Catechism and RE plans underway for next year
 - More volunteers always welcome
 - Proposed RE schedule
 - Sunday 9:30-10:45 remains the same
 - Monday 4:45-6:00 remains the same
 - Monday 7:30-8:45 remains the same
 - Tuesday 4:45-6:00 to be moved to Wednesday 6:00-7:15.

- Moves to accommodate attendance needs and availability
- Community Growth: Cris Revaz
 - Baby shower went well
 - Adult movie successful
 - Kids movie up next: Moana next Friday
- Worship: Bill Inch
 - New evangelization
 - Suggestions made on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) website: we are tracking well
 - Hospitality
 - Welcome lunches
 - Proposals
 - Mailings
 - Sunday supplements
 - How to bring people back? Suggestion of a special Church holy day, such as Christ the King, and invite those who are not attending to return to the special occasion.
 - There are 10,000 families in the parish boundaries; there are 2,000 registered families with the parish; and only 700 families actively participating.
 - How to energize those in and those registered
 - Parish Mission
 - Similar to 3-day mission in February
 - Focus on evangelization
 - Talk about it in advance to raise interest
 - Choice of commission to lead
 - Invitation

- How do we let people more active
 - Why are the inactives inactive?
 - Target the ESL attendees? They are using the parish but are not part of the parish.
 - Reread the survey from a few years ago and flesh out some more ideas
 - Possibility of shifting the choirs one weekend to show range of talents
- Youth: Erik McDade
 - Easter Sunday season went well
 - The Living Stations of the Cross was successful
 - April 29th bash went well
 - Confirmation questions
 - Next generation of CLC
 - There is interest
 - Hard to schedule

New Business:

- Planning of next Fall Festival on September 24th, 2017
- End of Year Party
 - Scheduled for 16th, the day after the final meeting
 - Will be held at the Cascio's

Eyes and Ears:

- Easter egg hunt very successful
- Remind the ushers or altar servers that Father John could use assistance on the steps to the altar. A ramp may be under consideration for safety reasons.
- Tape the rug down to prevent potential tripping incidents

- June 25th is Father Innocent's farewell party
- The Eucharistic Ministers have been informed of the lack of uniformity in kneeling/standing. This is not a problem.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Pat

Meeting Ends at 8:51.

Next Meeting: June 15th 2017 (Celebration)