

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 4th, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m.

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

- a. **Present:** Gayle Hotchkiss, Deb Burns, Tim Kriegler, Rachel Braun, Sandy Blevins, Charity Mulenga, John Breiten, Amy Jacobson
- b. **Staff:** Randy Gracyalny, Adam Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Rachel Shepherd, Rob Olson, Laura Warzecha
- c. **Absent:** Rosa Maria Laursen, Deb McCann

Opening Prayer

Led by Fr. Mike – Reading of the Epiphany – Gospel of Matthew & viewing of Formed clip

Approval of Agenda Gayle/Sandy

Approval of Minutes Gayle/Charity

Following adjustments to December 2017 meeting minutes:

Adjust Meeting Minutes title from Agenda to Minutes
Add Amy Jacobson to Section C. of Attendance

Maintenance to Mission - Discussion

20 min

1. Discipleship slips will be in the pews Jan 13/14 to give parishioners an opportunity to reflect on how they are disciples outside of the OLA church community. Randy will announce this prior to the beginning of mass. This was announced in the bulletin for Jan. 6/7. As disciples of Christ, what do you do outside the parish to live out the Gospel?
2. There was discussion on the question What is discipleship?
 - o Answering the call to bear witness to Christ in our day to day interactions and doings.
 - o How did you witness that Christ is alive?
 - o How did this happen for you in the last six weeks (including the Advent & Christmas season)?
3. Pastoral Council will man the Information Table in the gathering space on the weekend of Jan. 13/14

Commission Reports

All

30 min

As necessary - Please forward any minutes to the council whenever possible and report only items which require the council's input or action.

- Liturgy Commission
 - Evaluating feedback regarding Advent & Christmas season which was generally very positive.

- Looking towards Lent, focusing on increasing parishioner usership of Formed including having parishioners viewing Formed videos prior to coming to mass each week.
- Education Commission
 - **Faith Formation:** (Minutes attached below)
 - Confirmation will be April 18 at 7:00
 - All cluster churches will be represented
 - **School**
 - Jan. 28-Feb. 4 is Catholic Schools Week – update provided – Open House on Feb. 3rd/4th after all masses
 - Frosati Fest (Madison Catholic Youth Rally in WI Dells).
 - There will be eight attendees chaperoned by Adam
 - There will be a “Stock Sale” Jan. 6/7 to fundraise for some students to attend
 - **Child Care**
 - The staff continues to give tours regularly to prospective families.
 - New families and babies continue to enroll.
 - One family has withdrawn their children in order for them to receive care in the home.
 - Catholic Schools Week will be observed at the daycare.
 - **Adult Faith Formation**
 - Men’s Faith Sharing Group is the 3rd Monday of the month and is answering parishioner request
 - It does not replace other existing Faith Formation groups
 - RCIA : 7 people are participating from the cluster parishes.
- Parish Life Commission
 - Has not met since December Pastoral Council meeting.
 - Hospitality Weekend is next weekend.
- Social Justice Commission
 - There is a great deal of interest in increasing the awareness and sense of connectivity with our sister parish St. Joan of Arc.
 - The commission requests input on how best to achieve this and puts forward interest in working with the school to create connections with school aged children.
 - Thoughts from the council include:
 - Fr. Mike suggests getting in contact with the St. Joan of Arc priest before moving forward with any ideas.
 - Email Trevor this idea concerning our sister parish so he can present it to the teachers.
 - Could St. Joan of Arc parishioners be sponsored to come here? – Historically this has happened
 - There is strong desire to continue supporting the St. Joan of Arc partnership financially

- It was also proposed that an exploratory group of OLA parishioners could visit St. Joan of Arc again to establish additional personal connections and evaluate the current needs of St. Joan of Arc.
- Stewardship Commission
 - Currently, this commission has the following main roles:
 - Time and Talent Survey
 - Work with finance on Stewardship Weekend
 - Welcoming Packet
 - This commission has a small membership– possibly need to increase the membership of this committee or merge with another one
 - Discussion was held on the full role that this commission should take on/consider Perhaps education on the purpose of this commission is required. (As stated in council discussion, the role of this commission is not just “asking for money.”)
 - Will use Time and Talent survey to invite additional members
 - Personal invitations will be more effective in conjunction with a bulletin blurb
 - Will invite Welcoming group members to become members of commission
 - Will contact Jeanne for last year’s Time and Talent survey
- Finance Council
 - 145 families now pay online & 35 families use bill pay (ACH)
 - Budgeting process is underway
 - 80% of this year’s Offertory budget is pledged
 - Church Bylaws are completed
 - 395 pledges – \$625,000 pledged is down a bit from last year, but last year’s pledged money was collected at 90% rate which is excellent
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 - Pledge cards are still being accepted
 - School budget will be completed at February meeting
 - Church budget will be completed at March meeting
 - Technology Committee has reported –
 - It is on schedule for updating campus security, etc. by March
 - The school Self-study continues
 - There will be a small cost for room and board for the visiting Accreditation Team (group that assists with the self-study) while it is on campus for 3 days
 - The cost for the Accreditation Team that does this is included in the budget
 - There is a technology survey on the church website (information in bulletin) – please fill out

New Business

- January 13/14 is fellowship weekend
- Pastoral Council will host the Information Table

On-Going Business

John

5 min.

Good of the Parish

All

5 min.

Closing Prayer

Led by Fr. Mike

5 min.

Next Meeting: Feb. 1

Education Commission
Faith Formation Report 1/4/2018

1. Updates:

- a. *Immigration & Catholic teaching.*
- b. *Sunday programs*
- c. *FORMED online*
- d. *1st Reconciliation*
- e. *ADVENT-ure Sunday 42 kids 23 helpers*
- f. *Christmas Mass/pageant*
- g. *Guadalupe event*
- h. *Faith Sharing group for men. 3rd Monday, 6:30PM 12/18; 1/15, 2/19*

2. Confirmation date: for “cluster” WEDNESDAY , APRIL 18 7PM we will cancel FF session that night.

3. RCIA: 7 inquirers.

4. Frassati Fest 2/2-4, fundraising “stock sale” this weekend

5. 1st Communion retreat Jan.21, 11:30-3PM

Dates for 1st Communion Sat April 28 at 5PM; May 5 & 6th all 3 Masses
Sun April 29 9AM at St. Stephen

6. CORE GROUP for Middle school & High School events

7. Catechist Inservice Jan 10, classes resume Jan. 17

8. FYI. Lent begins ASH WED. Feb. 14, Easter April 1