

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2018 @ 8:00 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

- A. Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Charity Mulenga, Amy Jacobson, Kathy Schmidt, Tim Kriegler, Deb Burns, Nicole Ferrera, George Riesselmann
- B. Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Rob Olsen, Trevor Seivert
- C. Excused: Laura Warzecha

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Mike / Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Advent / reflection & discussion

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Consensus was given

Maintenance to Mission:

- Mission 2018 Evaluations attached.
- Discussion:
 - Does the parish understand mission?
 - How do we tell our story?
- Next steps
 - Determine short topics to help people understand mission and tell our story.
 - Looking at the Alpha program.

Commission Reports

Liturgy Commission

Tabernacle placement options still being considered. Will be looking at a placement in the sanctuary at the next meeting.

Continuing reading and discussion on the Vatican II document, "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy"

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Wed., Dec. 12. Mariachi music to the Blessed Mother at 5:30 p.m., Mass at 6:00 p.m. with fiesta following in Assumption Hall.

Christmas decorating will take place on Sun., Dec. 23 following the 10:30 Mass.

Tear-down Sunday, Jan. 13 following the 10:30 Mass

Lessons & Carols with the Diocesan Choir Sunday, Jan. 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Pastoral Care Commission

- Respite Care
 - Training manual will be compiled by Ann Schroeder with help from Linda Dalton.
- Grief Ministry
 - Dealing with a number of funerals and grieving families.

- Greeting Card/Phone Calls
Christmas cards will be sent to the homebound parishioners and those in long-term care facilities
- Parishioner to Parishioner Ministry
Still in need of help for giving rides for parishioners to Mass

Education Commission

Youth Ministry:

- Mary Kate is taking a new job in Madison starting in January, but will continue to teach Jr and Senior high classes on Sunday, as well as continue to be a part of youth ministry activities and retreats for this semester.
- Advent- ure Sunday is December 9th from 1-5 pm There will be children's activities to help prepare for Christmas. Middle school & Confirmation students and adults will help.
- 1st Reconciliation and Retreat for students and parents is December 15th from 9-12:00 noon.
- Confirmation Retreat is the weekend of December 15-16 at Camp Gray /Reedsburg Wi
- Up-coming Activities:
1st Eucharist family retreat January 20th
Frassati Fest February 1-3
Catechist In-service January 9th

Adult Education:

- Tuesday January 22nd: Presentation on the Encuentro Program

School:

- Accreditation for the school was highly recommended. Should get letter early 2019.
 - There are a few minor items to address.
- Safety Grant Application submitted
 - Should receive notice the end of January 2019
 - Trevor set a date for safety training for teachers and staff in Ft. Atkinson

Child Care

- Enrollment is shared by 50 children. This combo includes full/time and part/time. Approx. 20 children enrolled on drop in basis or summer care only.
- Staff: there are 11 staff members (7 of the 11 are attending college).
- Up-coming events:
Baby Jesus party December 18th
Child Care will be closed December 24,25,26,31 and January 1st.

Parish Life & Stewardship Commission

(did not meet)

Social Justice

- Respect Life discussed Spiritual Adoption for January 19&20 2019
- Immigration discussed the presentation for January 22nd on V Encuentro
- Environmental Action: research on solar panels
- Dismas is planning a gathering to address homelessness in the Beloit area.
- Sister Parish/St. Joan of Arc was sent a check for 600.00 to help with hurricane victims.

Finance Commission

- Child Care repairs and painting is almost complete; soffits need to be painted in Spring.
- Current financial report was given and discussed.
- WI Ed-Vest Program was discussed.
- Annual School fund for this year has raised 7 thousand with a goal of 30 thousand
- Offertory pledges:
285 households have pledged \$515K so far. 85% of \$640K pledged last year has been received with three weeks remaining until the end of year.

New Business

Good of the Parish

- Some people have stated they have come back to the church because of the Parish Mission.
- OLA float in Thanksgiving parade represented school well.
- Advent environment in church has received good reviews.

Closing Prayer:

Next Meeting:

- January 10, 2019 (note new date)