

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 10, 2019 @ 8:00 PM
Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

- A. Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Kathy Schmidt, Tim Kriegler, Deb Burns
- B. Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Rob Olsen, Trevor Seivert, Laura Warzecha, Mary Kate Van Wagner
- C. Excused: Charity Mulenga, Amy Jacobson, Nichole Ferrera, Casey Christofferson

Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection

Fr. Mike & Council

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval

Approval of Minutes:

General Approval / after adjustments were made of who was present and excused at the last Meeting.

Maintenance to Mission:

Using the Alpha Program

- Session includes Faith Sharing video, meal, question & answer period.
- Goal: How we tell our faith story.
- Targeting Lent for a start date. Staff is currently participating in the program.

Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- Tabernacle was positioned behind the altar to examine space and location. Need new sanctuary candle stand when moved at the beginning of Lent.
- Giving Tree will go up earlier next year so people have more time to buy the gifts.
- OLA staff is exploring the possibility of having one Christmas Day Mass, rather than two. Scheduling/coordinating with cluster parishes.

Pastoral Care Commission:

- Mass Emergency kit used for the first time. Everything went well.
- Working on Emergency Incident Form
- Need more Volunteers (Review Time & Talent Submissions)

Education Commission:**Child Care:**

- Catholic Schools week participation Jan-28 through Feb-1
- Open House Feb-2 & Feb-3 with Early Registration and information Handouts
- There is a waiting list. Positions offered as they become available.

Faith Formation:

- Catechist Inservice Jan 9th. Classes resume Jan 16th
- First Eucharist Family Retreat Sunday Jan 20th, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Youth Ministry

- Frassati Fest fund raising after Mass Jan 19th/20th. \$665 needed.
- Beginning to prepare budget and looking into the youth minister position for next year.

School:**Catholic Schools Week:**

- OLA is gearing up for Catholic Schools Week Jan. 27 to Feb. 3
- Fun activities and games each day
 - 2/1: *Family Fun Night* during Fish Fry. Games & Activities in Gym, Mini-Putt in the classrooms. \$10/family to Mini-putt.
- Jan. 26 & 27 at all masses (OLA, St. Jude's, St. Thomas) Trevor/Parents/Staff will be speaking to remind everyone it's CSW, also invite people to Open House 2/2 & 2/3
- Open House 2/2 & 2/3 after all masses
- PK Meet-n-Greet in Janesville 1/26
- Working on tuition/enrollment #s for next year /will be finalized in June of 2019

- On 12/17/2018 the school conducted our state mandated Evacuation Drill
 - Drills went well. BPD was on campus to observe
 - After school, staff and BPD met to go over details

Parish Life & Stewardship:

- Souper Bowl collection Feb 2 & 3 will be split between Caritas & St. Vincent DePaul
- Will reach out for new volunteers based on Time & Talent surveys
- Must determine what Staff duties can be shifted to event volunteers

Social Justice:

- V Encuentro Event 6:30 PM Tuesday January 22nd meeting at OLA
 - Father Mike asked that the commission members attend this event
 - Goal: How to build a strong multicultural Parish.
 - Speakers Jennifer Luedkte & Laurie Ann Aubut

- **DISMAS** Network meeting postponed until Fall.
 - Announcement will be made in bulletin
 - Need to gather names of released to provide housing and employment assistance

Finance Council:

- Reviewed Investment Policy and suggested no changes
- Investments of 2.7 Million were reviewed with Edward Jones and some adjustments were suggested.
- Income: December was a very good month. Collections now positive.
Pledges:
 - 94% of last year's \$640K pledged received.
 - This year's pledges are \$603K from 374 people. Down from last year.
 - There is a correlation between attendance and giving.
- Department Budgeting process begins next week.

New Business:

- Next Cluster Commission meeting at St. Stephens April 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM

On-Going Business

Good of the Parish

Fr. Mike: Many positive comments for Lessons & Carols program and Christmas Masses

Randy: Noticeable cluster participation at Lessons & Carols

More cluster interaction, cluster communications working better

Rob: Cluster Confirmation preparation has been a very positive process.

Randy: Lutheran Music Minster enjoyed Midnight Mass and said, "It was just what I needed."

Laura: GODS Fund collected \$8700 this past year.

MKVW: Confirmation retreat was a beautiful turning point for our students.

Closing Prayer:

Kathy Schmidt

Next Meeting:

Thursday Feb-7, 2019, 8:00 PM