

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 7, 2019 @ 8:00 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Kathy Schmidt, Amy Jacobson, Charity Mulenga, Nichole Ferrera, Roger Kemman, George Riesselmann

Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Rob Olson, Rachel Shepherd, Trevor Seivert, Laura Warzecha; Father Mike

Excused: Casey Christofferson, Tim Kriegler, Deb Burns

Opening Prayer:

Sunday Gospel & reflection

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval

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Maintenance to Mission:

- Alpha Program Begins March 12th, running through April 9th
 - o Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM
 - o ½ hour each: Food/Fellowship, Video, Discussion
 - o Topics:
 - Mar-12th: Is there more than this?
 - Mar-19th: Who is Jesus?
 - Mar-26th: Why Did Jesus Die?
 - Apr-2nd: How can I have Faith?
 - April 9th: Why and How do I Pray?

Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- Finished discussion on the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy
- Planning on articles on liturgy for Liturgical Formation through June
- Tabernacle sanctuary light stand being designed by Grommes Millwork.
 - o Hoping for tabernacle move behind altar by Easter.

Pastoral Care Commission:

- Commission meeting Time Change being considered.
 - o Only 3 people met on 3/7. Looking at daytime meeting if it will improve attendance.
- Respite Care
 - o Training manual with Nurses' recommendation being finalized by Laura and Ann

- 11 people signed up to be on first team
- Blood Pressure Screening: 37 people tested in last 3 months
- Women's Cluster Evening of Reflection April 9th, 5 PM w/ Mass
 - Deacon Jim Davis will present "What is My Role in the Body of Christ"
 - Cost \$16. Reservations to Ann Schroeder by April 3rd.
- Health Ministry
 - Still reviewing procedures to follow during Mass.
- Greeting Card Ministry
 - Laura will meet with team.

Education Commission:

Child Care:

- Registration started during Catholic Schools week
 - 50% of current families have submitted forms.
- Two spots offered to Wait List families
- Three tours completed. Targeting 2-3-year olds to feed early childhood programming.
- Have added another stall member from BMHS Early Childhood Program
- Child Care services will be offered for upcoming Spring Fling

Faith Formation:

- Alpha Program was discussed
- RCIA
 - 2 Adult Catechumen for Baptism, 5 for Profession of Faith/Confirmation. Carlos & Teresa Zagal are instructing 7 Hispanic candidates from St. Jude and St. Thomas.
- Faith Formation Lenten Activities
 - Shadow Stations of the Cross Mar-20th
 - Confessions Grade 1 – 8 Apr-3rd
 - Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Word for Children Apr-13th
 - 3rd Grade FF & School Holy Thursday Procession Apr-18th
- Updated Sacramental Guidelines from Diocese. Include Canon Law guidelines, approved programs, hours of preparation and catechesis, encouraging parents, interviews with candidates, record keeping.
 - We are already 98% in compliant.
- Future Dates:
 - 1st Communion Apr-28th 10:30, All Masses May 4th & 5th
 - Confirmation at OLA for Cluster Parishes May-15th, 7 PM
 - Summer dates for LBH (Love Begins Here):
 - Rising 9th – June 10th – 14th
 - Middle School – June 30th – July 3rd
 - High School – July 28th – Aug-2nd
 - VBS at OLA *Discovering God's Plan for Creation* June 17th – 21th

School:

- Registration
 - o Begins next week, \$75 increase for 1st child (normal increase)
- Report Cards for 2nd Trimester out last week
 - o Families like Standards Based & Traditional grades format
 - Shows what students are learning and where they are.
- Self-Study Update
 - o Trevor & two staff members going to diocese to start writing goals based on Self Study & the Visiting Team Report
 - o Goals & Self Study will be approved by State Accreditation Agency

Spring Fling:

- April 13th 5:30 – 10:00 PM at Casa Grande
 - o Beloit Memorial Jazz Band will play
 - o Wine Pull (triple the number of bottles from last year)
 - o Caricature Artist
 - o Free Child Care at OLA provided By Rachel & Staff 5-10 PM
 - o Reduced ticket price for current OLA School parents
 - o Auctioneer: Bob Johnson from Badger Auction
 - Lots of live & silent auctions items and classroom projects

Parish Life & Stewardship:

- Need more details/expectation from staff for job descriptions for stewardship positions
 - o Marketing Coordinator for school & child care (Trevor & Rachel)
 - o Volunteer Coordinator (Laura)
 - o Festival Overseer, Car Raffle, Fish Fry Coordinator (Randy)
- Welcome Packet Reviewed for new Parishioners, reaching out to people who indicated interest,

Social Justice:

- V Encuentro tentatively rescheduled for 6:30 PM Tuesday, May 14th at OLA
- Patricia Sowl and Rita Bond have rewritten Parish Website selection for St. Joan of Arc our sister parish.(check it out)
 - o Feedback appreciated
 - o Teaser in bulletin with information encouraging visiting website to learn more.

Finance Council

- Current Financial Report
 - o YTD Offering -\$21,664, -3.79%
 - o February to last year +\$2,687, +4.76%
 - o Current rate indicates a \$40K deficit
 - Working hard to lessen

- School Budget Completed
 - o \$75 Tuition increase per student
 - o Starting with 123 Students in next year's budget (130 Students now)
 - o Reduced parish support from last year

- Annual Fund for School Gift YTD \$20,414 (from 40 People)

New Business: **CLUSTER MASS/ JULY 21ST AT 11:00 AM AT EDWARDS ARENA-TELFER PARK**
help is needed to organize Mass and lunch, ballgame to follow

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

On-Going Business

Good of the Parish

- Rob recently had big plans to work on his To-Do List but ended up spending the whole day welcoming new families to the parish. It was very rewarding.

Closing Prayer:

Father Mike

Next Meeting:

Thursday April 4, 2019, 8:00 PM