

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 4th 2019 @ 8:00 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Kathy Schmidt, Amy Jacobson, Deb Burns, Roger Kemman, Tim Kriegler, George Riesselmann

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

Excused: Charity Mulenga, Casey Christofferson, Nichole Ferrera

Opening Prayer & Reflection

Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval

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Maintenance to Mission:

Alpha Program: going well with two groups meeting on Tuesdays during Lent.

Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- Tabernacle sanctuary light stand is being designed. It should be moved sometime after Easter.
- Randy will include catechesis in the Bulletin before the Tabernacle is moved behind the altar
- Discussed "Community is the Key" Article

Pastoral Care Commission

- No meeting this month

Education Commission:

Child Care:

- Childcare activities & dates were reported.
- Enrollment staying steady with 65+ kids enrolled and serving between 25-35 daily
- Staffing changes
 - o Staffing will adjust during student transitions.
 - o New high school students will assist as teachers
 - o One staff member leaving for new job.
- New outdoor shed is helping keep things neat

Faith Formation:

- Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday May 15th, 7 PM
- Last middle school Sunday class will be April 14th
- High School: 3 more classes are scheduled
- Love Begins Here /OLA students once again are participating
 - o Rising 9th June-10 through June-14 @ Columbus (3 adults, 8 kids)
 - o Middle School June-30 through July-3 @ SJV Janesville (2 adults, 5 Kids)
 - o High School July-28 through August-2 @ Sauk City (1 adult, 5 kids)
 - o Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for November 16th & 17th at Camp Gray

School:

- One teacher, Mary Madaus, who teaches Advanced Math/Technology is retiring
- Record high Spring Fling tickets have been sold so far (135)
- \$6000 in donations have been received for Spring Fling
- Trevor and teachers will attend NCEA (National Catholic Teachers Assoc.) in Chicago from April 22-25.
- Self-Study
 - o Goals started, due mid-May
 - o State accreditation mid-June

Parish Life & Stewardship:

- Discussed having the Parish Fall Festival Saturday night music/beer tent on a different date than the Pancake Breakfast and Fall Fest/Auction (Pastoral Council would need to discuss if there is a change)
 - o Gayle compiled festival notes From Sept 2017 through March 2019
 - o Received details of the events where parish staff could use assistance:
 - Fish Fry and Festival coordinator
 - Car Raffle Chair
 - Marketing (have possible volunteer)

Social Justice:

- Discussed Fact Finding trip to St Joan of Arc (OLA's Sister Parish) before scheduling work trip
- Discussed publicity for upcoming V Encuentro presentation
- Social Justice table at Good Friday Fish Fry
 - o Promote V Encuentro
 - o General information
- Family Promise:
 - o New Executive Director: Devin Blay-Stahl
 - o Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at OLA April 23rd at 6:00 PM
 - o OLA hosting June 2nd – 9th.
 - o Open House at Day Center April 8th

Finance Commission

- Parish Offertory Giving: March 2019 Donations up \$9739 over March 2018. YTD is even with last year.
- Parish Budget is currently at \$36K deficit, but trending to be on budget
- 2019/2020 Parish/ School & Child Care Budget is being worked on
- Parish Staff openings were discussed and job descriptions are being reviewed. Interviews will happen in May .

New Business

- Alpha Program is being well received. Good fellowship. People making new friends as they share their faith story

On-Going Business

- **Joint** Cluster Mass July 21st, 11 AM at Telfer Park Pavilion followed by picnic and Snapper Game. Duties are being split between the parishes. More info to come
- Next Cluster Meeting at St. Stephens. April 30th at 6:30 PM
Topics: Cluster Mass, History of Parish, Prayer Social
- Father Mike's Ordination 40th Anniversary will be Sunday June 2
2:30 Mass with a reception from 3:30 to 5:30
- Parish Work Days April 26th & 27th

Good of the Parish

- Laura wanted to thank the 5-6 people that take communion to a person that went to Mass daily but is now homebound.
- Rob stated that Nicky & Andrea, 2nd Grade Catechists, are very dedicated and have done a great job.
- Thanks to Randy & Family for the concert
- Fish fry is getting good reviews. Thanks to all who volunteer.
- Trevor wanted to thank Nichole Ferrera, Aron Bussan, Nicole Boylan and the Spring Fling Committee for the excellent job setting up and promoting the Spring Fling.
- Fr. Mike wanted to thank the staff members who are retiring: Mike Fallon, Laurie Seehafer and Mary Madaus, as well as Mary Kate Van Wagner, who has taken a new job for the Diocese. He is thankful for their outstanding service and years of dedication to OLA Parish, School & Child Care.

Closing Prayer:

Trevor

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019, 8:00 PM