

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 5, 2019 @ 8:00 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, John Breiten, Roger Kemman, George Riesselmann, Nichole Ferrera, Charity Mulenga, Lori Sennett

Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Father Mike, Laura Warzecha, Cassandra Letcher, Sela Mejia

Excused: Rob Olsen, Debbie Leach, Deb Burns, Amy Jacobson, Kathy Schmidt

Opening Prayer:

Fr. Mike

Gospel reading LK 14:25-33 and discussion

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval

Approval of Minutes:

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Maintenance to Mission:

Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- New Tabernacle candle stand is finished. Look for it at Mass
- Using "Sing to the Lord: Music in the Divine Worship" for our formation this year

Pastoral Care Commission

- Meeting times for the commission
 - o One yearly focus meeting for all pastoral ministers will be offered at two different times: one in the morning and one in the evening. Dates for this year's meeting: Weds, October 2, 9am or Thurs. October 3, 6:30 pm.
 - o Will also meet 3 or 4 other times during the year
 - o Monthly reports will be sent via email
- Two new Ministries:
 - o Respite Ministry for Caregivers
 - o Seasons of Hope grief ministry
 - o Both of these ministries will be coordinated by OLA parishioners

Education Commission:

School:

- FACTS Student Information System needs to synchronize the School and Child Care information for parents with children in both.

- Self-Study Goal: School Improvement Team
 - o Multiple Parent Event Nights under consideration
- Enrollment now at 114 students

Child Care:

- New teacher was hired and a high school student assistant
- 60 children at Day Care (includes drop ins)
- At capacity

Faith Formation:

- Grade School starts Wednesday Sept 25th (6:15-7:30) , High School will begin Sunday Sept-15 with 10:30 Mass followed by class 11:30-1:00pm (there also is a 7&8 grade class Sunday morning following the 8:00 Mass at 9:00)
- Youth Ministry is planning on Recreation Nights in a few months
- No inquiries so far for Young Adult Ministry

Parish Life & Stewardship:

- Fall Festival Signup Sheets are out
 - o Auction items are needed
- Stewardship Time & Talent Surveys will be handed out 10/19-20
 - o Minor updates and highlighted “Needs” will be adjusted
- Fish Fry season starts Oct-4

Social Justice:

- Writing advocacy sample letter and legislature contact information to be put into parish bulletin for upcoming important issues
- St. Joan of Arc annual appeal on Oct-12&13
 - o Will monitor hurricane effects and request more aid as needed
- Immigration Movie “The Unafraid” re: DACA recipients at Beloit College Sept-23 @ 7 PM

Finance Commission (Roger Kemman):

- Met with Brian Theis of Edward Jones and rebalanced endowment fund and investment accounts
- Parish Financial Report will be out soon
- Investment gains and reserves will be used to cover budgeted deficit
- Expenses in line with budget for first two months
- Offertory down 23% YTD (one less Sunday than last year)
- Parking lot resealing and Child Care drop off area will be completed soon

New Business: None

On-Going Business

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL SEPT 28TH AND 29TH

- Need Auction items.

- New Auction Software will be used
 - o Assistance will be provided at auction
 - o Software can also be used for Spring Fling and other parish and school events

Good of the Parish

- Fr. Mike suggested a visit to garden near Child Care and thanked the volunteers
- Funeral services and meals have been complemented
- Looking forward to Choir season

Closing Prayer:

- John Breiten

Next Meeting:

- October 3, 2019, 8:00 PM

Unapproved