

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 5, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

Downstairs Conference Room

Attendance:

Present: Gayle Hotchkiss, Roger Kemman, (Finance Council) Lori Sennett, Kathy Schmidt, Charity Mulenga, Debbie Leach, Nichole Ferrera, Amy Jacobson, George Riesselmann

Staff: Randy Gracyalny, Trevor Seivert, Father Mike, Cassandra Letcher, Marianne Giovingo

Excused: Sela Mejia, Deb Burns, John Breiten, Laura Warzecha

Opening Prayer:

Fr, Mike

Gospel & Reflection / 2nd Sunday of Lent

Approval of Agenda:

General Approval / Consensus

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Maintenance to Mission:

- Further discussion on Missionary Discipleship Brainstorming
- Fr. Mike reiterated the council should think big.
 - o Added to list
 - Encourage more volunteers for Homebound/Elderly activities such as station of the cross
 - More adult activities like Alpha
 - Staff meeting with Bishop Hying to discuss plans for Evangelization in the Diocese

Commission Reports:

Liturgy Commission:

- **Flu/Corona Virus changes**
 - o Communion will not include the Precious Blood of Christ
 - o Door handles & tops of pews will be sanitized after masses
 - o Reminded not to offer sign of Peace if sick

Pastoral Care Commission

- Distribution of Ashes were given at Hospital and several Assisted Living Centers
- Respite Care: 45 hours given to help caregivers
 - o Amazing connections developing between volunteers & recipients
- Stations of Cross and weekly communion given at Beloit Senior Living

Education Commission:

School:

- Proposing screening and discussion of movie "Screenagers"
 - o 4/22/2020. Help parents understand how technology affects children
 - o Open to Cluster
- Enrollment
 - o 16 new enrollments from marketing and open house
 - o 13 current students registration pending. Trevor is following up with those parents
- Flu/Coronavirus COVID 19
 - o Letter sent to parents with transmission/prevention information
 - o
- Spring Fling (April 4th at La Casa Grande) major school fundraiser**

Faith Formation:

- **Youth**
 - o Totus Tuus
 - New Summer School Program - June 14th-19th.
 - o LBH: Love Begins here summer service program / 8 High School and 7 Middle School are signed up
- **Adult**
 - o RCIA: Rite of Election happened with Bishop Hying on March 1st There are 3 people interested in next year's process already
 - o 22 people have been attending "Rediscovering the Saints" book study and reflection Lenten sessions

Child Care:

- Working on child waiting list for Summer/Fall enrollment
- Licensing continuation/renewal happening in March
- Health letter will be sent to families concerning flu & Coronavirus COVID19

Parish Life & Stewardship:

- Commission did not meet. No report.

Social Justice:

- Commission did not meet.
 - o Panel presentation & discussion on Homelessness in Beloit is being planned at OLA on April 28th
 - o Earth Day activities being planned for parish

Finance Commission (Roger Kemman):

- Cash balance steady
- Investments still up \$28K YTD
- Envelope Collection are steady
- Child Care profit this last month \$6K
- All Department expenses in line with budget

New Business:

- ACA /Annual Catholic Appeal off to good start
 - o Hoping to reach parish goal of \$76K

On-Going Business

- Parish Digital Sign as been purchased
 - o Design being finalized
 - o Electrical service plan in process
 - o 11-week delivery once design approved
- Director of Parish Marketing & Development
 - o Job description finalized
 - o Job will be announced soon and plan to collect resumes
 - o Goal is to have a person in that position by May 2020

Good of the Parish

- Fr. Mike received compliments of the simplicity and beauty of Lenten decorations.
- Marianne received complements about the Ash Wednesday Mass with the distribution of ashes

Closing Prayer:

- Trevor

Next Meeting:

- April 2, 2020: 6:15 PM in Chapel for Lenten Prayer
- Commissions 6:30 PM
- Pastoral Council 7:30 PM