

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
March 5, 2018

Pastoral Council Members in Attendance:

Ron Bachy, Sue Buchholz, Mary Jo Meyer, Christine Stinson, and Ted Novak

Absent: Maureen Brady and Paul Messineo

Others: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Marc Tinsley, Renae Brinza

Opening Prayer by Father Jim

Father began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Old Business

1) Facebook Page Resolution

- a. After a very lengthy discussion between Marc Tinsley and Pastoral Council, a decision was made to not schedule a meeting regarding guidelines for the Facebook page. Pastoral Council will revisit the need for a Facebook Page and, if determined there will be a Facebook page, the guidelines that should be followed.

2) Security System Progress

- a. Ted and some others who have access codes for the security system were concerned the system does not always respond correctly. The major concern is arming and disarming the system.

New Business

1) Adult Education

- An offer was made to present a 90-minute adult education class on the History of Catholicism in the United States.
 - Sean Whelan has made an offer to present this class at St. Colman.
 - Deacon Riley sent the outline to Ted and Sue, as they are our adult education leaders.
 - Deacon Riley has not seen the presentation.
 - A concern is to make sure enough people attend the presentation to make it a successful event.
 - Ted suggested have a social right after or before the presentation.
 - People from outside our parish will be invited to attend.
 - Sue is going to contact Sean to ask dates he is available to present; if he has any AV needs or other requests.

For the Good of the Parish

- 1) CMF Greensburg annual retreat Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10
 - Ted is attending on Saturday.
 - The event is held at the Bishop Connaire Center
 - The event is open for ages 14-90
 - Tickets are \$25/person
 - There will be three or four speakers
 - Bishop mass will be held at 4 or 4:30

- 2) 12th Gathering of Catholic Men's, April 21
 - Event will be held at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School
 - Registering for the event is on line @ www.cmf.pitt.org this is a change from last year. We used to have tickets to sell but now it must be online registration.
 - Ticket prices are \$40/person and \$10/students

- 3) Ted wanted to know if he should submit his updated plan on Adult Education, in particular, the Catholic Men's Fellowship. It was decided that since we are in the midst of a reorganization, he should wait.

- 4) Ted wanted to thank Deacon Riley for changing Holy Hour back to Thursdays. He was very appreciative since he can attend. He very much liked the *Rosary for Recovery*. Deacon Riley went onto explain there is a small SAM group that meets once a month at a different church. Deacon Riley stated he tries to do something different for each Holy Hour. For example, there is a *Patriotic Rosary* and that is not necessarily for veterans, it is also for unborn children.

- 5) Ted stated he spoke to Arlene and she informed him that there are 60,000 abortions in Pittsburgh each year and 1M abortions nationwide per year.

- 6) Father Jim had several announcements:
 - Little Sisters of the Poor will be at St. Colman on August 18th & 19th
 - Senior Mass for the High School if May 27th
 - St. Colman received the donation of 4 graves at Restland Cemetery
 - St. Colman was audited.
 - Due to miscoding, we owe the Diocese \$2,263
 - Church Alive account has \$38,000 balance
 - Pastoral Council thinks we should hold it until we know if St. Colman is remaining open
 - Finance of the Diocese is failing. 52 parishes cannot pay their bills.
 - Holy Thursday – we need volunteers to have their feet washed
 - Father would like to see new participants
 - Rica candidates
 - Confirmation candidates
 - New lectures or new Eucharist ministers

Next Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2018 6:30 PM