

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
May 6, 2013

Council Members Attending: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Jim Jordan, Christine Stinson, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer and Renae Brinza

Old Business

Opening prayer by Fr. Jim

- 1) Parish Pictorial Directory – Mary Jo
 - Some parishioners didn't get their pictures (8 x10s)
- 2) Ladies of Charity – Deacon Herb
 - 8-10 women have joined the Ladies of Charity
 - By laws are being written
 - One of their first initiatives is to visit people in nursing homes
- 3) Evangelization meeting with Deacon Alex Wroblicky – Mary Jo
 - Mary Jo spoke to Deacon Wroblicky shooting for a visit in September

Action Items: Mary Jo will keep in touch with Deacon Wroblicky

- 4) Parish Mission Update – Paul & Jim
 - Advertisement
 - Two handouts
 - Small blurb for advertisement in the bulletin
 - Flyer to be posted, sent to other churches and inserted into the bulletin
 - Banner to be hung across the front of the church
 - E-mail blast to other churches (Bill Hill of Pgh Catholic may be able to assist)
 - Childcare – maybe provide some type of childcare so families with children can attend
 - Starts at 7 pm each evening and would go to approximately 8:15 pm
 - Last night there is a collection; other nights is a free will collection

Action Items: Paul and Jim will keep in touch until the event is over

- 5) All Day Adoration during the Year of Faith – Deacon Herb
 - St. Colman has scheduled this through June; two more to go
 - Last Wednesday of every month to coincide with Holy Hour
 - After 8:30 mass and close with benediction at 6:30
 - Signup sheet for this month should be ready shortly
 - Our Adoration is advertised in the Pittsburgh Catholic
- 6) Volunteer Sunday – Paul & Jim
 - Date moved to the Fall – looking at September
 - Signup handouts were prepared
 - Goal is to look for volunteers for all activities

- 7) Adult Education, Catholicism Series – Sue

- Rediscover Catholicism series went very well; 15 people
- Taking the summer off and then start with John in the Fall
- Still held on Tuesday evenings
- Fr. Jim said to get information by Raymond Brown; he is an expert on John

8) Comcast Contract – Deacon Herb

- Unless an agreement can be made with Comcast our last broadcast will be May 15th
- We made an offer to the company and agreed upon a monthly rate
- Comcast wants us to pay a \$700/month live broadcast fee
- Three churches – St. Colman, North American Martyrs and United Presbyterian Church

9) Catholic Mean's Fellowship/Gathering Update – Deacon Herb

- St. Colman had more men attend this year than previous years
- Every speaker was excellent

New Business

10) Change in Roles on Pastoral & Finance Councils – Deacon Herb

- We haven't received Fr. Cain's final report for St. Colman
- All members of the Finance Council must be present when creating the budget
- Deacon Herb is not to be a voting member of Pastoral Council; he is a facilitator
- Renae cannot be a member of both Pastoral & Finance Councils
 - It was decided Renae will remain on Finance Council

11) Mass Schedule – Deacon Herb

- Question was asked if we should reduce mass schedule; it was decided not to change anything at this time

12) Diocesan Bereavement Workshop – Arlene

- Arlene gave a report on the bereavement workshop
- A handout from the workshop was provided to council members
- Workshop was a good experience and a success

13) Diocesan Leadership Seminar for Pastoral & Finance Councils

- This seminar will be held on May 30th at St. Paul's Seminary from 7:00 to 9:30pm

14) Damaged carpet in the aisle

- The whole church carpet is being replaced

15) For the Good of the Parish – Deacon Herb

- Ted Novak made a recent pilgrimage to Medjugorje and is willing to discuss his trip to the parish. We will look for a night to do this soon.

16) Upcoming Events

- Community of Churches – no date set
- Strawberry Festival

Next Meeting is Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7pm