

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

June 1, 2015

Pastoral Council Members in Attendance:

Ron Bachy, Pamela Bodziock, Sue Buchholz, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Ted Novak, Christine Stinson

Note: Arlene Gross resigned as a member of Pastoral Council

Absent: None

Others: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Maureen Brady, Don Cwynar, Kelly Yagetich, Betsy Krygowski, Gerry Meyer, Renae Brinza

Opening Prayer by Fr. Jim

Introduction of new council member and thanks to a former member.

- Pamela Bodziock is a new council member. Many thanks to Arlene for her work on council.
- Kelly Yagetich is considering joining Pastoral Council as well once she understands the time commitment.
- It was suggested Father send a thank you letter or note to Arlene.

Action Item: Father agreed to send a thank you letter or note to Arlene.

Old Business

1) Parish Survey Results and Goals & Objectives

- We received 110 returned surveys.
- A lengthy discussion took place regarding the results of the survey.
- The most important part of the survey was the Action Items. Each group is asked to review the action items and question if they are able to incorporate these into their strategic plans.
- Three questions/issues were raised regarding the survey.
 - How does the volunteer form work – is it more of a recruitment tool and drive? The answer was it will now be used more of an annual drive to get members of St. Colman to volunteer into different ministries/activities.
 - Should we have one point of contact? Should it be the business manager? The answer was yes, our business manager will be the point of contact for those who have questions or those who want to volunteer.
 - Can we do something with the results of the survey for the 4 areas of the mission of the church – One Body, One Mission – Stewardship, Catechesis, Formation and Evangelization?

Action Item: Council agreed to get together within their individual groups to establish goals and objectives. These goals and objectives will be presented at the Pastoral Council Strategic Planning Meeting in July.

2) Campaign for the Church Alive

- To date, there have been three returns of funds back to the Parish for a total amount of \$48,000. There is a special account in the dioceses that holds these funds.
- The funds must be used for the goals we established before the Church Alive Campaign began.

3) New Organ Update

- St. Colman needs a new organ. The current organ cannot be repaired or updated.
- Thom got three bids from two different organ companies. The average cost for a “middle of the road” organ is \$82,000.
- Council and Father would like to know what is really needed on a basic organ.

Action Item: Gerry and Renae will follow up with Thom on the organ and price.

4) Parish Security Plan Update

- During the school year, the church and school buildings will be used on Tuesday nights exclusively for CCD.
- The security plan will be available for review at the September Council meeting.

Action Item: Gerry will present the security plan to council at the September meeting.

5) Weekly Statements in the Bulletin of Collections vs. Expenses

- These statements are in the bulletin beginning May 31, 2015.

6) Hand sanitizer for Eucharist Ministers

- The hand sanitizer is installed and it is recommended everyone who is serving mass use the sanitizer – host and cup.

7) Bereavement Committee Request

- The Bereavement committee has requested permission from the Diocese to host/pay repast meals for those less fortunate in our Parish.

Action Item: Renae is to follow up with the Diocese.

New Business

- 1) Diocesan “On Mission” program
 - In the past four bulletins there is information regarding this program.
 - The program will review all parishes, schools, institutions in the diocese in light of the number of priests that will be available in the future.
 - We need to show the Diocese that St. Colman is an “alive” and vibrant parish.

- 2) Monthly Holy Hour, Exposition and Adoration
 - Last Thursday of each month there will be a Holy Hour
 - Holy hour is from 6:30 to 7:30
 - Deacon Riley would like to start a “free” meal before each Holy Hour.
 - The meal will be from 5:00 to 6:00
 - Not sure until we start how many people will come.

Action Item: Renae is to ask Finance Council if there are funds to pay for the meal.

- 3) Coffee/Donut Social
 - Mary Jo suggested Council begin to think about reestablishing a coffee/donut social where new and old members of the Church can get together and mingle.

For the Good of the Parish

- 1) Jerry Meyer reported
 - Growing in God’s Church will be renting the cafeteria each Sunday from 10-12:30. The church members will park in the parking lot across the street and will use the side entrance to the cafeteria.
 - They will also be using the cafeteria the 1st Saturday of the month for Youth Leadership. This program will run from 9:30 – 1:00.
 - A question was raised by a Council member asking if Council should vote on approving this rental. The question was not answered.
 - Gerry also mentioned another school, Smart World Academy, might be interested in renting the school buildings.

- 2) Renae Brinza asked about the Deacon Administrator program.
 - Renae is concerned that we will lose Deacon Riley should he be asked by the Diocese or another Parish/Church to become their Deacon Administrator if the position isn’t created at St. Colman.
 - Parish Council unanimously agreed that we want to keep the Deacon.
 - Much discussion took place; we’ll wait for more details about the program.

- 3) Paul Messineo brought up the Market Place Christian group that meets in town.

**Next Meeting is the Pastoral Council Strategic Planning Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:30**