

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

In Attendance: Members Ron Bachy, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Ted Novak, Christine Stinson

Others: Fr. Jim Kunkel, Deacon Herb Riley, Gerry Meyer, Patti Connelly, Cathy Collins and Mark Tinsley

Opening Prayer – lead by Fr. Jim

Old Business

- 1) Evangelization
 - a. Suggestions on “where to go” and “what to do” with the New Evangelization – Ted Novak and Mark Tinsley attended a diocesan workshop on this subject and have both agreed to lead our parish’s effort
 - b. Update on Greeter effort – Patti Connelly has volunteered to head this and, starting slowly (once or twice a month); suggestion made to have greeters wear name tags; Ted suggested at sign of peace to have people greet those near them
 - c. Progress on parishioner email list – Arlene reported that 65-70 people turned in updated sheets
- 2) Young Adult Music Ministry update – Deacon Herb reported that 6 young adults are in the process of putting a Praise and Worship choir together which they will plan on lead. Hopefully begin in the next several months.
- 3) Fall event for St. Colman 40 Days for Life – Arlene reported that St. Colman’s day is Saturday, October 25 from 11 to 3 (same day as our Anointing Mass); Catholic Daughters will be there from 11 to 1. Volunteers are welcome at any time from 11 to 3.
- 4) Parish Retreat – Arlene reported that only one person showed any interest.
- 5) Stewardship – parish survey update – Paul and Christine presented a draft that was discussed and will be updated with suggestions received and put out within the next several weeks. They will be placed in the bulletin and request an announcement be made from the pulpit. They will tally the

results and look at the “trends” to see where the Council needs to make changes or take some action

- 6) AED update – Ron reported that he is working with Rep. Costa’s office and UPMC to obtain a grant to cover the cost of two units. Ted voiced concern over who will be trained to use them. Ron stated that UPMC will be glad to provide training, but he and Mary Jo both stated that the units instruct any user on the steps to take.
- 7) Worship – need for Extraordinary Ministers, especially at 5:30 – Arlene reported that she has received a good response from current EM’s to help cover 5:30 but that more new EM’s are still needed.
- 8) Suggestions on ways to better publicize the “good things” going on at St. Colman – Maureen Brady was unable to attend the meeting and her and Ron have not had a chance to get together yet. Maureen does have a number of ideas that she wants to present/share.
- 9) Continuing discussion on reaching out to “missing” registered parishioners to obtain an accurate census of those still belonging or wanting to belong to St. Colman – Christine and Paul will draft a “census” letter to send to those we haven’t seen or heard from in several years.
- 10) Update on renovation plans for cafeteria bathrooms – Gerry reported that he had a plumber come in (Leroy Wood, parishioner) to draw up plans. The plan is to have one handicapped stall in each restroom and one urinal in the men’s room. Gerry is having Marci Mason help with designing the walls. This will be a project for this winter.
- 11) School repairs update/schedule – Jerry reported that the Jr. High school roof has been repaired and that a few rooms that sustained water damage will be repainted. The old school roof still needs to be repaired. The buckled floor and the holes in the ceiling will be repaired after the roof work is completed.
- 12) Moving of the cry room in the church – when? – Sue and Patti both stated that they have not received complaints at any weddings about the current bride room. As a result Council agreed to leave the rooms as they are.

- 13) Electric heater for the Fr. Kunkel meeting room – Gerry reported that he believes the reason the room was cold is because the timer was not set to run during the evening hours. He will correct it this winter and see if it takes care of the problem.
- 14) Budget shortfall update – Fr. reported that at the end of the last fiscal year in June, we met all of our expenses, but that we did fall short on our Parish Share. Gerry reported that a new fundraiser, “Taste of the Lawn Fete” is being planned for October 18 after the 6pm Mass. It will not have games but will have “Lawn Fete” food and hopefully a Chinese auction. Hope to raise a few thousand dollars.

New Business

- 1) Diocesan Pastoral and Finance Council workshops at St. Colman – October 8, 11 and 18. All members are expected to attend.
- 2) Youth Group (8th grade thru high school) – Marc reported that they had 16 kids at their first together and that they will meet monthly. He hopes to let the kids plan and run their own programs as much as possible. He is using social media to communicate with them.
- 3) Monthly blessing of pregnant mothers – Fr. Jim and Deacon Herb will begin doing this once a month at all of the Masses.
- 4) Church organ – is the first priority for “Church Alive Campaign” funds. It will cost \$35k.
- 5) Bible Study – how to improve attendance – Sue reported that the numbers are between 10 and 15, which is a good size. Suggested to publicize on website to attract more interest.
- 6) Catholic faith based fitness class in church basement – beginning in October in the Church basement, Connie Tinsley will lead this class. The cost is \$50 for 8 sessions and a portion of the money will be donated to the parish.

7) Parish Website – Cathy Collins said she needs content from Council. Cathy and Mark will work together to enhance the site and get the most we can out of it. To date, the site has received over 26, 000 visits. The facebook page is beginning to get “Likes”.

For the Good of the Parish - Ted presented the new TV in the Fr. Kunkel room that was donated to the parish.

Next Meeting – Monday, December, 1, 2014 at 6:30pm