

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
September 16, 2013

Council Members in Attendance: Father Jim, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Christine Stinson, Mary Jo Meyer

Others: Deacon Herb, Renae Brinza

Absent: Paul Messineo

Guest: Maureen Brady

Old Business

Opening prayer by Fr. Jim

- 1) Evangelization meeting with Deacon Alex Wroblicky – Mary Jo
 - Deacon Wroblicky will be visiting on Monday, October 28, 2013
- 2) Volunteer Sunday – Paul sent an e-mail as he couldn't attend
 - Date set for Sunday, October 13, 2013.
 - A table will be set up in the back of the church for all masses
 - An announcement will be made after communion from the pulpit explaining the event
 - A table will be set up at the November fish fry

Action Items: Paul is responsible for getting someone to make the announcement at mass and for having the table manned after each mass.

- 3) Education and Catholicism Series – Sue Buchholz
 - Scripture Study – this year we will be studying John
 - There are 18 people attending
 - New faces
 - It is a 15 week course – September 10, 2013 through January 7, 2014
 - Every Tuesday at 7pm except Tuesday, September 24, 2013
 - Catholicism Series – on the back burner is having a series on using the book, Rediscover Catholicism.
 - Barron – Sue would like to study Barron; maybe for Lent
 - Children's Liturgy
 - Four people are needed and there are only two
 - It is a once a month commitment

Action Items: Sue will get more information and discuss the possibility of studying Barron during Lent at a future Pastoral Council meeting.

New Business

4) Significant Revitalization Suggestions for Our Parish

- Cafeteria renovated & updated
- Modern Music Mass
 - More vibrant music; maybe add an instrument for some masses
 - Children and young adults to get involved with the music program
- Better promotions for our events
- Do more with the website and Facebook Page
- On Thanksgiving Day hand out a loaf of bread to everyone who attends mass

Action Items: Deacon Wroblicky might have some suggestions. Ask him when he visits on October 28, 2013.

5) Suggestions for new Pastoral Council members to replace Jim, Renae and Deacon Herb

- A lengthy discussion took place and suggestions were made to Father Jim.

6) Parish Safety Committee

- A discussion took place and this issue is tabled until further information is gathered from the diocese.

Action Items: Fr. Jim will reach out to the diocese and inquire about the committee.

7) Leadership Formation Introductory Course for Pastoral and Finance Council

- The first course is for the Finance Council and they must go as a group.

8) How are we going to cover the budget shortfall from the loss of Holy Family Institute?

- It was decided that an announcement will be made from the pulpit after communion to request everyone give a little more each week/month.

9) Parish Alive Campaign

- Begins for St. Colman in January, 2014

10) East Catholic School is **our** school.

- East Catholic is sending out two raffle tickets to each parishioner

11) 40 Days for Life Event

- We are participating and our day is Thursday, October 17, 2013
- Time slot is 11am to 3pm

For the Good of the Parish – nothing new at this time.

Next Meeting is Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:30pm