

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
December 12, 2016

Pastoral Council Members in Attendance:

Ron Bachy, Maureen Brady, Sue Buchholz, Christine Stinson, and Pauline Schoffstall

Absent: Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Ted Novak

Others: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Renae Brinza

Opening Prayer by Father Jim

Father began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Old Business

- 1) Update on the 'Campaign for the Church Alive'
 - As of July 31, 2016 the pledges we have \$ 30,000 to be used for the case statements.
 - Our case statements were
 - Organ – completed
 - Roof – completed (covered by insurance)
 - Lighting in the church – completed
 - Bathrooms in church and in the cafeteria
 - Pastoral Council would like to have three written estimates to refresh the bathrooms in the upstairs of the church.
 - Pastoral Council would like to put on hold the cafeteria bathroom renovation until a determination has been made to keep the St. Colman facilities.

Action Item: Father Jim will inform Gerry Meyer we need three written estimates to refresh the upstairs bathrooms in the church.

- 2) Update on "Care Packages" to our parishioners in college
 - The Ladies of Charity are willing to take on this program
 - Renae obtained the information from Our Lady of Joy and sent it to Marci for the Ladies of Charity.
 - The Ladies of Charity will implement the program their way.

New Business

- 1) Discussion of the outside church renting our cafeteria meeting room
 - Should it be continued?
 - The current contract is not signed. Therefore, it can be voided.
 - It is income but that church should pay for extra use of the facility.
 - Contract should be renegotiated with:
 - Should have dates especially an end date
 - Should have a specific area the church is permitted to use

- Should include information for an “out” for St. Colman
- The terms and conditions should be very detailed
- The key should be returned and the locks changed
- Is that church using more areas than the contract stipulated?
 - Yes, they are and this needs to be corrected.

Action Item: Christine will meet with Gerry to meet with leader of the church to discuss the contract.

Action Item: Christine to ask Mary Lou for the word document for the lease.

2) Review and discussion of Committees “Goals & Objectives” for the *past* year

- Stewardship (Christine & Paul)
 - Annual Parish Survey - April 2016 - achieved and successful
 - Volunteer Sunday – October 2016 – achieved and successful
- Community Integration (Maureen & Pauline)
 - Blessing of the Pets – October 2016 – achieved and successful
 - Connect with Community Leaders & Groups – not achieved but ongoing
- Education (Sue & Ted)
 - Bible Study – achieved and successful
 - Children’s Liturgy – achieved and successful
- Worship (Ron)
 - Prayer Cards – achieved and successful
 - Trip to Basilica in Washington, DC – not achieved
 - Novena – not achieved
- Evangelization (Mary Jo)

3) Review and discuss Committees “Goals & Objectives” for *next* 18 months

- Stewardship (Christine & Paul)
 - Annual Parish Survey – hold off until after the Church Alive
 - Volunteer Sunday – plan on October 2017
- Community Integration (Maureen & Pauline)
 - Blessing of the Pets – plan on October 2017
 - Connect with Community Leaders & Groups – continue to achieve this goal
 - Reverse Advent Calendar – create a reverse Advent calendar where parishioners can fill them every day with items of food that can then be taken to a food bank or charity in order to help those less fortunate.
 - Summer Fun Festival 2017 – create a community-wide festival that caters to children and families

- Education (Sue & Ted)
 - Bible & the Virgin Mary –
 - Begins January 9th – Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 12-week course
 - Combining both bible study groups
 - Video and workbooks but no homework
 - Catholic Men's Fellowship
 - Meets 1st and 3rd Saturday each month
 - Added 4 new members to the group
 - Members consist of individuals from the following churches
 - St. Colman
 - St John Fischer
 - St. Bernadette
 - North American Martyrs
 - Good Shepard
 - Sacred Heart
 - St. John the Baptist
 - St. Robert Bellarmine
 - St. Jude
 - St. James
 - Sue will do something in the Fall but not the Summer
 - Ted will do something in the Summer
- Worship (Ron)
 - Prayer Cards
 - Begin in January to put prayer cards in the back of the church.
 - Plan to expand prayer cards to children, especially during the children's liturgy.
 - Have a prayer card available for children to take home.
 - Certain cards with specific saints.
 - Trip to Basilica in Washington, DC – instead of starting our own trip, we should piggy back off different trips already established in other churches
 - Novena – we should begin to combine it with a mass. For example, every Monday after 8:30 mass is novena Monday
 - Special Groups
 - Choose one Sunday mass a month and designate it for a special group, i.e. cancer patients, veterans, married couples
 - Send letters to parishioners and those in the area alerting them to the special groups mass
 - Alter the Sunday mass so a variety of people can attend.
- Evangelization (Mary Jo)

Action Item: Sue to ask attendees of morning mass if they are interested in starting novenas.

For the Good of the Parish

- 1) Father Jim reported that East Catholic has living stations on Palm Sunday.
 - They want to use St. Colman's church in the afternoon for this program.
 - Pastoral Council thought this was a good idea.
- 2) Pauline Schoffstall resigned from Pastoral Council – this is not for the Good of the Parish.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 2017 6:30 PM