

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 28, 2019

Attendees: Scott Brandt, Mike Hagerdon, Patty Brossmer, Ann Rasche, Anne Brossmer, Fr. Ray, Julie Stone, Jane Gehlhausen, Pam Freyberger, Fr. Jerry, Fr. Ray, Jerry Birge, D. Daniel, Fr. Bill, Greg Fuhs, Ben Schwenk, Lynn Scheu

Absent: Bridgette Bartley, Max Verkamp, Van Ziegler, Dan Fritch, Moises Basilio, Martin Estrada, Angie Greulich

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Jerry

7:00pm Meeting called to order by Scott Brandt

The minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting were approved. Ann Rasche made a motion to approve. Jerry Birge seconded the motion.

New Business:

1. *Nothing to report*

Old Business:

Parish Strategic Plan – Scott & Mike

1. Survey – 1150 surveys turned in over weekend, more came after. Will send off this Thursday. It will take approx. 6 wks to return results. Having broken down into 6 demographics. Original estimate was 12 wks so anything less is a plus.
2. Smaller survey with 10 questions was created. These were sent to all families that had contributed \$0 over the last 12 months, approx. 635 sent.
3. Divine Renovation by Fr. James Mellon – Book study started in January with whole strategic planning committee to get ideas on how we might “renovate” our parish.
4. Planning visits to other parishes to see what they are doing to get ideas.
5. Alan and Scott met to create a timeline. Scott, Max and Ann R will meet to refine it and it will continue being refined over time. Based it off of 12 wks to get survey feedback. At that point they will start meeting to understand results, refresh on what was said in listening sessions. Then will do SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. After all of this, next step is to create a plan. This may not be created until the new Pastor is in place.
6. Evangelization
 - a. Martin Estrada will be ordained March 2 and reception March 3.
 - b. May 15 Fr. Ray celebrates 50 yr ordination. May 19th is party
 - c. May 25th Martin will be ordained a priest at St. Philips in Evansville. May 26th Martin ordination celebration. There will be 3 other men being ordained as priests at the same time.
 - d. June 22 will be retirement part for Fr. Ray and Fr. Bill. Last day for each is June 26.
 - e. Meeting with API (they do our bulletin), getting parish app. This will allow us to automate processes like - to add event scheduler for parents to sign kids up for religious ed. etc. The app is called WeShare.
 - f. Fr. Jerry is going to investigate how we can get live streaming out of the church and parish center.
7. Commission reports – Finance, Jane G.
 - a. Sunday collections are on target

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- b. CPC – right on target, plan to send a 2nd reminder out soon. Last year the 2nd reminder brought in additional \$13K. Scott asked if an announcement could be added to request cards to be sent back in even if they are not giving. We are at 89% of goal and 45% participation.
 - c. Window – paid \$567,661, balance \$389,698 of our contract. Still have balance in cap improvement of \$639,746. Will receive 2 more payments from Stewards of God's Grace. Have received \$869,350 this far of pledged \$1,853,935.
8. Commission reports – Education, Julie S.
- a. Middle School participation in parish strategic plan – short survey being sent this Wednesday.
 - b. Planning spring break field trip for middle and high school youth. Not sure of the details, the length or where. Just starting to develop this idea.
 - c. Pew Art Cards – We run out at times. Some people on Education committee were not aware of what these art cards are. Suggest that these should be a feature in the bulletin to explain its purpose. Anne asked if the cards could be handed to the children when they come in. Mike said we have distributed appx 3000 of these. Periodically these come in through the collection. Jane asked if the completed art cards could be posted on the cork boards by the doors.
 - d. Martin is going to offer, during holy week, Posqua. Targeted middle school – 9th grade. This will be done in conjunction with St. Mary's. It will start Palm Sunday. It will include a trip to Christ mass in Evansville.
 - e. Martin is going to do a bookstudy on Being the Body of Christ. Learning about those that were present at the foot of the cross when Jesus died.
 - f. Seminarian Daniel will lead guitar lessons.
 - g. 1st communion lessons start Feb 13. Martin will work with Latino families. Lana and Germain will work with Anglo students. K of C will pay for books again – shout out.
 - h. 1st communion is April 27-28.
 - i. Susan Fowler, story teller, will be back again for VBS. She is not Catholic but she does wonderful preparation to do a good job and make it fun for the kids.
 - j. Rock your faith July 7-10. Jimmy Mitchell will be back again. Dominican sisters will come again. Musician will be Ben Dahlquist. Starts with 6pm mass on Sunday. Each night they will have something for the parents as well. Jimmy will end with night prayer on the plaza.
 - k. Fr. Ray mentioned that Feb 7 there will be a group at St. Meinrad that will chant night prayers.
 - l. March 13 Fr. Tyler Tenbarge along with Ben Dahlquist will be at Precious Blood. Tyler will weave in adoration with it. Fr. Jerry will be participating as well
 - m. Source & Summit will be first weekend in April.
 - n. H.S. rel. ed is going well. Fr. Jerry is teaching Jrs and Seniors. Date has not set for confirmation at this time. Awaiting new pastor.
9. Commission Reports - Social Concerns/Respect Life – Lynn
- a. **Sick and Elderly:** Gave out about 200 Christmas Cards to shut-ins.
 - b. **Bingo:** Tuesday Feb. 5 at Brookside.
 - c. **Angel Tree:** Served 172 Families and 512 Children. We had \$270 left. Angel snowmen identified for new ornaments.

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- d. **Senior Citizen's dinner:** Dinner date is secured for March 10th. Karla check into Craig and Lori Weyer family for entertainment 812-326-2341. They have 7 daughters and 5 of them perform
 - e. **Respect Life** - Next road trip to Louisville will be Feb.
 - f. **Respect Life** – put Art contest winners in bulletin Jan 13th
 - g. **Respect Life** - 40 Days for Life March 6 – April 14, 2019, We will go again on Tuesday nights.
- 10. Commission Reports – Liturgy – Fr. Bill**
- a. Our Floral provided donated over 10 Poinsettias
 - b. Looking forward to Lent for the music to use
 - c. During Advent the penance services was up
 - d. 6pm mass is continuing to go strong
- 11. Commission Reports – Bosco Youth – Angie**
- a. No official report.
 - b. Mike shared several trips planned and are full
 - c. She has hired 1 person to help her but she is not ready to officially announce anything yet.
- 12. Commission Reports – Intercultural - Carmen Miranda**
- a. Went to Huntingburg for play, met with many people from many churches. Also had it here. Looking how they can do more activities.
 - b. Realigning leadership team.
- 13. Success Stories**
- a. Pickle ball courts set in gym. The tape is set. There are leagues set up. Several teams. Way to go Anne!!!! They charge \$25 for unlimited play during the winter. Must reserve court through Jane.
 - b. Movie Nights – 3 nights so far. Had 40 people last week. They've had great discussion.
 - c. Daddy/Daughter dance is being planned by Fr. Jerry and Tim Bell. Hoping to establish relationships with men to then try to build a men's club from it. St. Ann's will support refreshments. Planning to have pictures taken and then printed to hand out later in the evening. This can be Grandparent/Grandchild.
 - d. Fr. Bill shared that our RCIA catechumen was in church before anyone else on Sunday Jan 13th when it was snowy and cold outside.
 - e. Julie is instructing a child, Lily who wants to be baptized and come into the church. Lily told her grandmother that she wanted to be baptized so grandma contacted St. Joseph to sign her up.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ray led us in closing prayer.

The next meeting will be **February 25, 2019 at 7pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Lynn Scheu