

**Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2017**

Our evening Mass scripture declared those who follow God will share a spiritual bond which can be stronger than blood ties. In his homily Father Bob further described how soul-mates' love help us be our best selves and through their supportive nudge we will be the most fulfilled Christians we can be.

Parish Council Meeting

In attendance: Fred, Bill, Jeanne, Mary, Andrea, Ellen, Jane Marie, Joan, Demetri, Terry

Fred opened our meeting in prayer, before all shared their 'bests.'

Andrea thanked Joan for coordinating PPC's supplemental greeting/ushering at all the Christmas Masses. This ministry, clearly successful, is the ultimate example of providing robust welcome. Juliette did hear a few visitors state they attended because they received the postcard invitation.

Father Bob's series on appreciating the Mass, for 5 weeks of Lent, will be a combination of presentations from the pulpit and publication in the bulletin. He is currently discerning which materials to be shared in each format.

Replacing the Taste of St. Pat's this year will be Family Night scheduled for April 28. Several couples have stepped forward to usher this event and welcome your suggestions.

Fr. Bob is in communication with RENEW regarding the possibility of applying Be My Disciples to St. Pat's. He will meet with Jane Marie & Ellen on January 31 to evaluate pursuing this initiative.

Special Events

Juliette will work with Terri to plan out the annual PPC nomination process.

PPC is responsible for the Soup Supper the evening of Ash Wednesday on March 1. A duties sign-up sheet was routed. Assignments to be confirmed via email prior to our next meeting.

Blue Sky Initiatives

Increased Participation

Joan attempted to contact guest speaker prospects who'd address how to understand millennials. The holiday season challenged her attempts at scheduling. Before resuming the search, she asked who the target audience is: just staff, or interested parishioners.

She holds it imperative that we understand these individuals (born 1982-2004) to learn what turns them off and how to engage them. Joan gave examples of universities including St. Kate's employing different approaches in recruiting Millennials.

Fred asked how we approach them, since they aren't joiners, and he recommends a marketing plan.

Juliette explained they are data driven and outcome based, having grown up with vast information at their fingertips yet they will give their time, talent and treasure when they believe it matters.

Joan, guarding this concern, is eager to proceed.

Father begged her patience until the subcommittee reviews strategies recommended and accompanying resources available thru Be My Witness, in case there's overlap in how we approach reaching millennials.

Parish Communications

Tabled for a future meeting.

Community Engagement

Tabled for a future meeting.

General Updates

March 19 is the St. Pat's lunch, sponsored by Parish Life who requests two (2) representatives from each commission to volunteer to support this event which will also serve to welcome recent new parishioners.

Teresa encourages us to attend all-parish catechesis and take advantage of Sunday morning's guest speakers; and to mark Feb. 26 as faith formation's Pre-Lenten Retreat.