

Church of St. Patrick

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2018

Attendees: Members: Jane Marie Rief, Andrea Sherman Johnson, Demetri Zepeda, Joan Robertson, Rob Madden, Mary McCahey, Tony Sporer, Mary Sethre, Jan Preiner
Staff: Cindy Reckinger (Parish Administrator), Fr. Brian (Pastor)
Trustees: Doug Fangmeier

Prayer: The meeting opened with prayer.

I. Old Business:

Thank you to Terry Osburn

- A. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) wished Terry and Bernie Osburn best wishes as they make their move to Kansas. We thanked Terry for his service on the council.

II. New Business:

Archdiocese Representative nomination:

- A. Joan Robertson was nominated and accepted the role of the Archdiocese Representative.
- B. It is envisioned that the Lay Advisory Board (LAB) will meet quarterly with Archbishop Hebda. In between those meetings, the deanery representative would convoke the parish representatives to both seek feedback and to communicate the discussions that had taken place at LAB. This is with the hope that parish representatives will then serve as a conduit for communication with the PPC and, ultimately, with the parish, thereby inviting further participation and collaboration.

Finance Council (FC) update:

- A. Tuition letters sent out for Faith Formation in attempt to collect back tuition.
- B. Bank loan balloon payment due in about 18 months and will need to refinance.
- C. Stewardship cards are still coming in. Aria is also making calls and receiving pledges.
- D. FC is working on fees. There is discussion of parishioner vs. non-parishioner fees. The funeral luncheon fees have not been decided.
- E. Head Maintenance position has been posted, applications are being received through December 28th, and interviews will begin the week of January 7th.

Prayer cards for healing:

- A. The PPC considered two examples of prayer cards our parish could use for healing.
- B. The PPC will propose these cards to the Worship Commission, possibly to be used at the parish liturgies during Lent.
- C. The healing prayer card would also be accessible in the chapel.

Parish Spotlight Report:

- A. There will be two co-chairs taking on the responsibilities of getting the spotlight articles assigned and published.
- B. There will be one spotlight article a month going forward.

New PPC Guidelines:

- A. Next month a chairperson, from the Church of St. Edward, will speak at the PPC meeting to discuss the St. Edward's "Leadership Guidelines."
- B. The PPC began to discuss their likes and dislikes of the St. Edward's guidelines.
- C. The PPC will be taking a look at the Archdiocesan guidelines as well as examples from neighboring parishes.
- D. A sub-committee was formed and will meet weekly to discuss all possibilities for new PPC leadership guidelines.

We adjourned to rejoin the other commissions report in Shamrock Hall at 8:15.

III. Parish Commissions highlights:

- 1) **Parish Life and Social Justice Commission (PLSJC):** The Giving Tree donations have been overwhelming. PLSJC will serve meals at Dorothy Day once a month. In February donations for travel size toiletries will be collected. All donations will be distributed to Catholic Charities, Listening House, and Dorothy Day.
- 2) **Worship Commission (WC):** There has been positive feedback regarding both the traveling sacristan at weekend Masses and the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel on weekdays and in the main church on weekends. The WC is proposing changing the Tuesday morning Mass to Tuesday evening. There is a great need for Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and servers. The WC is planning a healing Mass for the victims of the sex abuse within the church, possibly for spring.
- 3) **Faith Formation Commission (FFC):** The Epiphany performance will be January 6th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Shamrock Hall. There will be tours of the church January 13th from 9:10-10:00 am and January 16th from 6:40-8 pm. The FFC is busy gearing up for Lent as well.
- 4) **Youth Advisory Committee (YAC):** The Winter Blast was held December 14-15. Also, the bake sale will be held December 22nd and 23rd.
- 5) **Finance Council:** Aria is making phone calls regarding stewardship 2019/2020. The PPC is reviewing the fee structures (ie., suggested offerings) for our various services. Applications for Head Maintenance position are being accepted until December 28th with interviews starting the week of January 7th. We hope to have the position filled by February.