

St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

June 20, 2016

Attendees: Craig Behm, Pete Cardello, Jon Drexler, Judy Feador, Sue Haberman, Jason Januszewski, Fr. Joe Mamich, Sam Pingatore, Bob Singerline, Bill Velioniskis

Excused: Brooklynne Elliot, Pat Lupica, David Smee, Carol Wallington

Called to Order: Judy Feador called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the led the group in prayer.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were approved as submitted. Sue Haberman made the motion and was seconded by Pete Cardello.

Introduction of New PPC Members: Judy introduced the new members of Parish Council: Craig Behm, Jon Drexler, Jason Januszewski, Bill Velioniskis. All members present introduced themselves to the group.

Annual Commission Reports:

Community Life –Father Joe reported that beginning in 2012 members of each commission were asked to attend a PPC meeting and give a short annual report. He reported that the second annual reverse raffle will be held on July 30th. Tickets will cost \$40 and includes a chance to win \$2000 as well as a delicious dinner and open bar. Family of Friends, a group for singles to get together for social and spiritual growth, is a new group featuring a beer and wine tasting event at the Brew Kettle and a Mapleside concert series. The winter thaw was a success and the commission was able to raise enough money for one scholarship. There were plenty of helpers at the chicken paprikash dinner. The Lenten dinners were a success and the use of McGraw Hall was reviewed. The upcoming Carpenter events were reviewed: Bellevue trip on June 29 and the Presque Isle Casino on July 28. Mass count will be taken the month of April and then again in October. The goal of increasing mass count by 3% was not met, due to the fact that the mass counts are not consistent.

Liturgy – Dan Kilbane reported that the usher/greeter program is at a standstill. Parishioners are encouraged to invite friends to participate in the program. Parish Council members are encouraged to serve as greeters. Each mass has music specifically tailored to it. Time slots for Eucharistic Adoration are pretty full.

Social Concerns – Mike Schneider reported that the MOA is active in serving clients on a short time basis with money for rent, gas, food, etc. Hands of Hope is a new ministry for families and individuals who wish to participate in local service opportunities related to peace and justice initiatives as they arise throughout the year. October 22 is the date planned for the second parish service day. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month four to eight parishioners travel to Our Family Center, a storefront in East Cleveland, to provide a nourishing, hot meal for 50 – 70 men, women, and children. The Westside Catholic Center is also served. The Mission of Hope is active in helping to rebuild facilities in nearby cities. New volunteers are always welcome. A discussion followed re a need for leadership training. Judy suggested that perhaps an ad in the bulletin or the quarterly newsletter would help recruit volunteers for short attainable assignments.

Spiritual Life – Pat Pell reported Joyfully Gifted, the prayer service for First Responders, bible studies, and 40 hour adoration were all successful. She encouraged everyone to look at Courage on line and ALPHA.

Stewardship – Phyllis Nemetz commented that Stewardship's purpose is to assist the parish commissions and ministries and promote growth. Although Stewardship provided support, she reported that there were over 2,500 cards sent out and the tally card return count was poor. The ministry fairs produced a poor turnout. Perhaps the commissions might be able to provide more ushers and greeters. The parishioners who participated in Joyfully Gifted might be paired with ministries that suit their talents.

Youth – Kathy Wolf reported twelve students have been selected to participate in the LEADS program July 15, 16 and 17 in Steubenville. In order to participate in the Diocesan program for Eucharistic Ministers, youth has to be 16 years of age or high school seniors. CLOW, the program for 3 – 7 year olds during 4:30 mass, is a great success. PSR, vacation bible school, Cave Quest are all successful programs.

PPC Liaisons to Commissions – Judy Feador asked the commission heads if they would be interested in participating in the PPC retreat October/November. It was unanimously agreed that the commission heads would like to take part in the retreat. Judy commented that two members of PPC are assigned to each commission to report to the PPC meetings. She provided the new members a copy of the commission liaison form used as a guideline for the report to PPC. Although two PPC members are assigned, only one need be present at the commission meeting. Craig Behm – Spiritual Life; Jon Drexler – Stewardship; Jason Januszewski – Community Life; Bill Vilioniskis – Stewardship.

2016 – 2017 Meeting Dates – Judy Feador reported the upcoming dates for PPC are August 8, October 10, December 12, 2016 and February 13, April 10, (May 8 Discernment) and June 12 2017.

Pastors Remarks – Father Joe reported as of May 31, the offertory collections are \$24,300 better than budget, Christmas and Easter collections were \$11,200 above budget; maintenance \$1,300 behind last year; operating budget \$86,390 better than budget; considering we were planning to be \$126,000 in negative cash flow because of the parking lot. The new air conditioners in the rectory are now split system heat pumps with the new systems running on 110 volts instead of 220. On April 24 the Welcome Home program welcomed 14 – 15 new parishioners to our parish. New parishioners from April 1 to October 1 will be part of the upcoming Welcome Home program on October 16. He asked PPC members to serve as greeters. The stewardship commitment cards have run their course. PPC members are asked to review the present mission statement and bring their ideas to the next meeting. The Commemorative Brick Project is going well. One flagpole, four 3-foot benches, two 6-foot benches and 20 bricks are sold.

Open Forum: Included in the SummerFest is Family movie night July 29, Reverse Raffle July 30, Ice Cream social August 3, Picnic July 31, Golf Outing August 6. PPC members are asked to help with the 50/50 sideboard at the Parish Picnic. New PPC members are asked to provide Sue Haberman with a short bio of themselves and to meet with Pete Cardello for photos after the meeting.

Judy Feador adjourned the meeting at 9:15 after prayer. The next meeting is August 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Piatak