

St. Patrick Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

Present: Fr. Jon, Fr. Nate, Kathy M., Scott K., Sheila H., Anna C., Les C., Debbie D., Kim M.

Absent: Susan H., Susan B., Maria M.

I. Approval of previous meetings minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

II. Council Member Terms/Expiration Dates

Members had a brief discussion on when their terms would expire. Les and Anna said September 2019 would end their obligation. Kim will ask those members who are not at today's meeting when their term expires. At the May meeting we will discuss an invitation to parishioners and decide on a day for their discernment. Keeping in mind what the best time of the year would be for invitations to council and discernment so each year this would remain the same.

III. Update of Parish Census Data

Scott asked in order to update parish data would we start from scratch or could we build on what we already have? Fr. Jon stated that it depends on how the committee would like to handle it. We could catch people after each Mass to collect data, have them enter data online, and ask the hospitality minister to assist, we could put a sheet in the pew, we could utilize the parish app or volunteers could make phone calls from the parish directory. We could hold a re-registration of parishioners. To enter the data we would need volunteers; keeping in mind the confidentiality and sensitivity of the information.

Currently the data lacks cell phone number and email addresses. The collection of the data would also help the office of Religious Education.

Les stated that we might want a group of 'trained' people to do the input.

Debbie thought that once the data collection was complete, there may be people who do not reply and at that time, we could call those people to update their information.

Fr. Jon thought once the process began, for future years, we could put something in the bulletin to direct people on how to update their information.

IV. Commissions

a. Education

Debbie share with the council members the parish plans for religious education for the 2018-19 school year. There are currently details for the program in the bulletin. All catechists will be volunteers. Debbie distributed the letter that was sent to the home of all RE students.

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The 8th grade confirmation classes (both at the school and in the RE program) will be using Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic. There is a corresponding app students can use with the program. The sponsors are also invited to join and learn with the confirmandi. All 8th grade re students will come together Sunday mornings for 12 sessions.

The thought is that the students would attend their RE class during the school year and Totus Tuus in the summer. Totus Tuus will run JULY 8-13 at St. Pats.

Debbie said Sean Martin (from the diocese) would meet with the catechists to go over materials to be taught and show them how to develop a lesson plan.

Fr. Nate stated our parish will host a sacramental program for any person who is in high school, college and above who is in need of receiving any sacrament they may have missed. Decision Point will be used. One unanswered question is how do we accommodate college students who are away from home? The ultimate goal of the program is less classroom time and more immersion in ministry of the church.

Debbie stated that the RE program at St. Patrick Parish will focus on Six Tasks of Catechesis: "Promoting Knowledge of Faith, Liturgical Education, Moral Formation, Teaching to Pray, Education for Community Life, and Missionary Initiative". This is our faith in action.

Fr. Jon thanked Debbie and Alice for their hard work in developing this program. Father said it is essential to have a strong faith formation program. The program has to be in place before you open the floodgates and invite the people.

The next task for Father is Marriage...validation and annulment.

b. Parish Life

Fr. Nate commented that last month there was a great turn out for the hospitality bash that was held in the chandelier room. The parish responded well to the call. There is a schedule in place but the challenge with that is to ensure people are showing up when they are scheduled.

Donuts in April went well, people stayed and hung around after Mass.

Fr. Nate stated that Steven and Clare Travis have been doing a great job keeping up with this ministry.

Fr. Jon said the bells are up and running. The generosity of a parish family made this possible. Hospitality ministry is going very well and we will have to see what's next for this ministry.

Fr. Nate has been contacting those individual ministry leaders who attended the Ministry Breakfast May 2017. He is asking these individuals to create a flier that identifies their ministry for the

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'ministry rack" in the narthex. He also mentioned it may be a valuable field on the parishioner update to find out if they have a profession/skill that would be helpful/beneficial to the parish and it's members.

Current Commissions that are up and running are: Education, Liturgy, Parish Life and Peace and Social Justice.

At this time we need to prioritize ministries and understand current activity of each ministry.

Anna made an offer to assist with the development of the Commissions at the parish.

The pastoral council is to help steer the commissions. Organization is key.

Nursing Home Ministry

It was suggested that there be a schedule for nursing home visits to avoid conflicts. Fr. Jon pointed out that the priests rely heavily on the lay people of the parish to take communion to the residents of the local nursing homes.

V. Synod

This topic will wait until the next agenda. Fr. Jon did mention that there will be a prayer service at the cathedral for the synod. Each parish will present their plan to the Bishop. Steven and Clare Travis are attending to represent St. Patrick Parish.

- a. Hospitality
- b. Evangelization
- c. Young Catholics

VI. New Business

Also on the May agenda will be a discussion on the donation of some wetlands the parish owns to the Shirley Heinz Foundation. This donation would include some plan that would involve the school children. Dan Plath is involved with this deal.

At 8:30pm Fr. Nate offered a blessing

Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be moved to May 17th, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Teacher's Lounge