

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2017

Attending: Kathy Grzybowski, Mary Jean Patterson, Jeff Peterson, Tom Gulley, Kevin Streetar, Joe Rausch, Rocky Welsing, Julie Rae, Deacon Jerome, Kevin Brown, Frank Peregrine, Deacon Dick, Tom Tierney, Fr. T., Patricia Frazak, Tim Endres, Peter Worman

Absent: Fr. Mike, Linda Eckstein

- **Opening Prayer:** Kevin Streeter
- **Approve November Minutes:** Approved
- **Admin & Finance** – Tim Endres: Budget talks with staff start this week
- **Vision of Hope:**
 - Feedback from parishioners – What has the council heard from parishioners? No feedback
 - Evangelization & Catechesis is
 - Third page of handout – list of opportunities at SMG. Please encourage people to participate and attend.
 - Dynamic Catholic – This group works to keep Catholics dynamic and connection to the church
- **Book Discussion** – Forming Intentional Disciples Chapter 11 - Joe Rausch and group
 - We need to be moving forward, or we are moving backwards. We don't "Stay the same"
 - Our parish can grow by participating in the Beloved Retreat in November
 - How do we encourage people to get involved?
 - Called & Gifted Workshop is coming to SMG on 3/18. The council is encouraged to attend.
 - RCIA new member – how are they "nurtured" into the parish? What can we do to continue the connection? Not only the RCIA new members, but all the rest of our new members as well.
 - New member reception: May 7th. What we are doing to keep the new members connected and encourage involvement with the parish.
 - Book discussions: they help the council grow in what we are doing
- **Commission Reports**
 - Worship & Prayer – No report
 - Social Justice & Development – Frank:
 - SVdP: successful Recycle the Warmth drive, housing initiative speakers – 30 attending from many parishes, St. Pat's day lunch planned. Their budget is tight – looking for ways to curb costs.
 - Stewardship & Development –
 - Next event – new parishioner event on May 7 after the 11:00 Mass
 - Invitations will go out one-month prior
 - Calls will be made for personal invitations
 - 50+ last year, hoping for the same attendance
 - Will be asking for representatives from the commissions to give a short presentation
 - After the lunch – personal discussions. Last year attendees showed interest in SVdP & School events

- New members from last year will be invited. Others that would like to get more involved are welcome.
 - The monthly new parish welcome after Mass is not happening any more
 - There will be another new member event in the fall.
 - Education & Faith Formation - Tom
 - Revisited mission statement on the web site. Lots of good ideas.
 - Discussed all the new events coming up in the spring
 - 3/18 – Called & Gifted – please sign up
 - Parish Life – Ken
 - Fish Fries – Terri is having a base group of volunteers from different groups for each Friday. Parish Council = 3/17.
 - No need to limit your help to only one dinner – please volunteer as often as possible
 - Trivia Night – This event is still a good fundraiser for the parish. Discussion revolved around the future of this event. When attendance dwindles to 15 tables, we may need to look at continuing with the event. Current emcee & music director may end this year. Thinking about whether to morph the event into something new, or think about dropping it.
 - Terri does a lot of work, how do we develop volunteers as leaders?
 - New member luncheon – Parish Life will assist the Stewardship Commission
 - Auction – May 20. The push for donations at this time is for Trivia night, so it's not pushed very hard. The "mystery box" – we are asking for script cards
 - What would parishioners want for entertainment?
 - Looking for chairs for the Auction
 - How do we cultivate new leaders?
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 - Vocations – Kevin S.
 - Full commission in attendance
 - Travelling chalice – there is a sign up sheet again. Jim has had it since November.
 - Quo Vadis club - training for parish representatives. The commission may attend to learn more
 - Fr. T will be at 5/7 luncheon to talk about vocations
 - Check out the SMG Website – will be adding links
- **Parochial Vicar Update** (Fr. Tafadzwa)
 - A lot of work – it certainly helps having Fr. Mike back. People have a lot of challenges
 - Will lead a retreat in Dallas
- **Pastor Update** – No update, Fr. Mike not present:
- **Closing Prayer** – Fr. T:

7:43 – The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: 3/21/2017

Prayer & Snacks: Tom Gulley