

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2015

Time: 6:45 pm

Location: St. Francis Cabrini

Attendees:

Staff

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Nathan Reesman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katie Schaitberger	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick Doll
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fr. Enrique Hernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jill Maria Murdy	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Immaculate Conception

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Art Poehlman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kay Claas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Walter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janice Bodden (secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lori Lehnerz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sharyn Fonte
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Meulemans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Falkner (vice chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sue Nygard (chair)

Saint Frances Cabrini

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Marie Danaher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lisa French (secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roman Lichon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Roecker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Herdrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Randy Lucka
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joe Mentink (chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Wallner	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sara Kelly
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe Vespalec (vice-chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Schmitt	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Joint Meeting Topics:

- Opening prayer – Father Nate read a prayer from the gospel of Matthew and we had an additional prayer from Joe
- The November minutes were approved.
- Working on the budget for SFC is difficult because the additional enrollment from IC is not yet determined.
 - A percentage (to be determined) will be given to each registered student who chooses to go to any of the Catholic schools in the area.
 - Many costs have gone up now because some school fundraisers are disappearing. Closing the school is not a 100% savings.
 - Tuition will be worked on. Father Nate will be working on a summary with the parents.
- Faith and Family will be contacting Holy Trinity and Holy Angels for the 2016 event. The recipient will be Casa Guadalupe for education. We are building bridges between the Spanish and English communities. There will be a bilingual Mass and Hispanic dancers.
- Katie gave an update on the habitat house. The building is moving ahead. We have the plans for the house and a family has been selected. The house will have three bedrooms, one car garage. Pictures are being taken every week. We received a \$5000 gift so fundraising is finished.
 - Work dates will be decided and there will be ten people per work date.
- A change to the Saturday evening Mass schedule was discussed. There are many factors to consider and will require ongoing conversation. The Prayer and Worship Committee will be invited to the January meeting.

Break Out Meeting Topics:

IC

- The 4/23/16 date is confirmed and we will do something. Sharon Fonte will cover the bartender license requirements. We will reevaluate the parish goals and priorities in 2016 and regroup for Fall. The polka Mass is in place.

Committee updates

- Catholic Formation and Evangelization – Sue Nygaard – Fat Tuesday was discussed. Also a father/son activity and a possible Knights of Columbus program with young men.
- Finance – Mike Walter – There are spreadsheets to work forward with the budget in regard to subsidizing students and analyzing expenses.
- Human Concerns – Kay Claas – St Vincent De Paul spoke to their group and IC will be continuing their Christmas ministries. They have the Samaritan tags with gift suggestions and Gingerbread House gifts for families. It was explained why STVD is now open on Sundays. Discussion on having a Bundle Sunday at IC - donations would be brought to IC and picked up from there.
- Prayer and Worship – Mike Falkner – They had a discussion on the communion procedure. More distributors needed. Someone will contact Father Nate about this. There was also discussion on our Saturday 4:30 Mass being shared in some way with SFC.
- School – Lori Lehnerz – The families are dealing with the changes. There will be a float in the Christmas parade. There will be discussion about current sports and participation in other tournaments. A possible retreat for the older students. Also an event to honor staff and alumni.
- Stewardship – Janice Bodden – we will be meeting in January and discussing upcoming events that are already in place.

Father Nate will extend to the school committees the option of using the 4/23/16 date as an alumni night. Father Enrique closed the meeting with a prayer.

SFC

Committee updates

*Note that going forward, each liaison expected to provide brief summary in these meetings, and then forward Lisa any official notes received from their committee so that they may be incorporated with PC notes for the permanent record.

- Catholic Formation and Evangelization –
 - Noted continual drop in Wednesday evening attendance 1st thru 8 grades.
 - Surveying parents and families for next year plans. Notice some parents may be leaning more towards Sunday evenings.
 - Safe Guarding training and coordination. Presently a mess with records not up to date. Much needs to be done to get on track. Trying to consolidate a person for SFC and IC and looking for a way get back up to par.
 - Catechist volunteers fluctuate and often not enough are certified catechists. There are out of sync catechist skills, not having had sacraments in the right timing and order.
 - Trying to find a way to use both SFC and IC resources and equalize cost to allow back and forth convenience.
 - There seems to be an increase in interest and a need to improve and accommodate Home Schooling. There is an assumption that more families are trying to protect Sunday family time.
- Stewardship – no report
- Finance – Right in the middle of budgeting.

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- Human Concerns
 - Habitat for Humanity update as reiterated by Katie and Father in Joint meeting.
 - Groups working on projects including Giving Tree and Haiti.
 - St. Vincent de Paul representative Steve Wolf explained how they came to be open on Sundays at the 11/11/15 meeting. Committee is committing to come up with ideas and plans for assisting St Vincent de Paul's efforts by spring time.
 - Plans to reach out to parish for new members.
- School
 - Discussions about 3 options vendors for lunch program still narrowing down to one
 - Still trying to begin collaboration with Holy Angels. Open invitation for HA to sit in on SFC School Committee meetings. Considering sending a SFC Representative to HA meetings.
 - Marketing Committee looking what if any possibilities can be made to promote Catholic Schools Week
- Archdiocesan –
- Prayer and Worship
 - Overview of Advent readings and music.
 - New Mass setting continues to be used.
 - Minor but some use of envelopes in plastic holders installed in the pews.
 - Researching traditional and contemporary options, pricing and what to budget continue for replacing communion vessels, new hymnals, prayer cards and choir books. Everything shows wear and tear.
 - Logo for The Year of Mercy on display. References and prayers promoting this Jubilee Year of Mercy.
- New parishioner sign up weekends
 - December Masses assigned
 - Still need to perfect a plan for volunteer assignments 2 months in advance going forward

Next meeting: Thursday, January 7th / 6:45 IC Church Hall