

**Approved 12-13-2016**

**St. John Paul II Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Tuesday – 11-08-2016**

**Members Present:** Fr. Mike Ignaszak,, Fr. Mike Wolfe, Beth Eichman, Herman Guzman, Roger Hagen, Vicki Kegel, Bob Lynch, Maggie Lynch, Janice Patrowsky, Dean Pluskota and Anita Wucherer.

**Excused:** Alice Palacio-Gomez

**Absent:** Chris Gramling

**Guest:** Angie Conchi

Chairman Bob Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. Roger led us in opening prayer.

**Approval of October 11<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Council Minutes**

The minutes of 10/11//2016 were reviewed and no additions or changes were made. Herman moved to approve the minutes and Roger seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.

**Pastoral Staff Ministry Report: No Report this Month**

**Council Chair Report: Bob Lynch**

- I have nothing new to report. No update on the Deanery.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**Synod Implementation Update: Bob Lynch**

- During our break we watched a 29 minute Video on the APC Convocation. Archbishop Jerome Listecki talked about the Evangelization Synod which has been in effect the last seven years. Joining and collaborating with parishes. Archbishop Listecki said Sunday Mass attendance has gone up 1% (1% of 600,000). Seton Catholic Schools were covered in the video which is an urban initiative and a life line for all our students. Fr. Tim Kitzke is the Vicar over the Seton Schools. Archbishop Listecki emphasized three important points Catholic Identity, Evangelization and Stewardship using our resources for the source of Jesus. The video covered Synod implementation, the Council of Priests and what the APC does. The APC meets four times a year and is made up of delegates from our parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

**Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak**

- A Tale of Two Time Zones: Just as Fall School confessions start and we are firming up the details of the Advent and Christmas season (so the Signs can be programmed for the season). I am also beginning to project the School Mass calendars and the Presider schedules for January through May 2017. Jumping from one project to another feels a bit like Jet Lag.
- Advent Vespers will be bilingual this year.
- Aaron Laskiewicz, the seminarian from our parish formally declared his candidacy for ordination to Diaconate. The ordination will take place in Spring. Rev. Wolfe, Fr. Javier and I are actually going to buy him his first clergy shirts since canonically candidacy makes him a

cleric (even though he won't wear them until he is ordained a deacon). I also gave him a letter informing him that upon ordination to Diaconate I will present him with Fr. Al Sowinski's chalice in the name of the Sowinski family and the entire parish. Fr. Al was the original source of Aaron's inspiration to be a priest. I have just nurtured it along the way. With the Finance Council's assent the parish has paid for the chalice to be re-plated and I purchased a new case for it. We should keep in mind that we will probably have a Mass of Thanksgiving for Aaron's diaconate at St. Helen's Church in Spring.

- In projecting the Mass intention schedule for 2017 we have decided to try an alternative summer schedule with just three daily Masses in the week. It is getting more and more difficult to cover weekday Masses when one of us is gone and the numbers are dwindling. At the same time Fr. Wolfe and I decided to introduce a Wednesday evening Spanish Mass. We suspect the attendance will be greater than the English morning Masses. I am not announcing the "Summer Schedule" until closer to that time since I do not want to cause confusion, although I have instructed Doreen not to schedule intentions for Monday and Friday Masses from the end of school through Labor Day.
- We had a meeting with representatives from Seton Catholic Schools. Beth will elaborate more in her report.
- I will be on retreat next week. Please keep me in your prayers. This is always an important time for me.
- I have submitted my request for renewal of term but have not heard from the Personnel Office as yet regarding any procedure that needs to take place.

#### **Associate Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Wolfe**

- I am back from General Assembly with my St. Paul Community. The meetings went well even though they were long.
- Some days I feel very settled. I am here 4 ½ months. Sometimes I am very new, for example with Fall School Confessions that we just had.
- I have done nine weddings.
- I am learning about Posadas.
- In the second half of January 2017, I will be on vacation in Columbia. I will be doing many Masses.
- Fr. Wolfe said he has met with the Our Lady of Guadalupe committee once and will be meeting with them this coming Friday to go over the celebration for this feast day which is Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Fr. Mike and I are working on a pilgrimage to Mexico with my St. Paul Community to see Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine from a Monday through Friday. We would both be gone from the parish.

#### **Schools Report: Beth Eichman, Director of Education**

##### **Report from Julie Ann Robinson, Principal of Holy Wisdom Academy**

- The students celebrated **Halloween** on October 25<sup>th</sup>. In the afternoon, students in grades K4-3 paraded around Ohio Park. Following the **parade**, students in grades 1-3 continued to walk to the West campus and paraded through the school building to show-off their costumes to the 4-8 graders. Students celebrated with small classroom parties in the afternoon. **Students in 4 & 5 visited Villa St. Francis** in their costumes and did some Trick or Treating with the residents.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the school year ended on October 28<sup>th</sup>. **Parent/teacher/student conferences** occurred on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They were well attended. I was grateful to have 5 translators to assist our teachers during conferences for the non-English speaking parents.
- On Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Home and School will sponsor a **“Ladies Night Out”** fundraiser. The theme will be **“Those Fabulous Fifties!”** The food and entertainment will focus on the 1950s. Silent Auction baskets and other gift cards will be available for ticket purchases and chances to win. This event will raise money that goes back to our students. Special entertainment will be from the Fred Astaire Dance Studios Dancers.
- **World’s Finest Chocolate Bar sale** ended this week. Families that sell 2 or more cases will receive a “FREE” Marcus movie ticket. For every box beyond 2 sold, families will earn another movie voucher. Drawings will occur throughout the week for prizes. The top 5 families will also win a great prize and all students that participate will enjoy a pizza party.
- **On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the school will celebrate a special Thanksgiving Day lunch** with their buddy classes. Students in grades 2-6 will walk over to the other campus to join their buddy class for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Following the meal, the classes will meet to do a special holiday activity.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all the members of SJP II Parish Council!!

#### **Report from Dan Jorgensen, Principal of St. John Kanty**

- Camp Edwards trip for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade was a success; students had a great time learning about nature, canoeing, shooting, archery, playing team building games and just experiencing something many of our kids never have the opportunity to experience October 10<sup>th</sup> thru October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- We had our biannual Catholic Educators in downtown Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Convention Center. It was a great day for our teachers to attend workshops/seminars related to teaching in the morning and a wonderful lunch in the afternoon.
- Mary Ann Posanski started the **SJK Book Club** in October for 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They meet once per month to discuss the book that was chosen by the group.
- Our annual **SJK Halloween Parade** was successful. We celebrated on Halloween with a parade around the neighborhood followed by classroom parties.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ended on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with conferences the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November.
- We started the month of November with **Parent-Teacher Conferences** on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Conferences went really well and we had all students/families show up except for 5 families and those conferences have already been rescheduled.
- We had 25 students in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade make our **High Honor Roll** (3.5-4.5) for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. 22 students in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade made **Honor Roll** (3.0-3.49). Very proud of the students who made the honor roll and the many more who work really hard but were not able to make the list.
- **All School Thanksgiving Meal** will be prepared by our wonderful Kitchen Staff and Veronica on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Hall.
- Thanksgiving Break will be Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at NOON with the students returning to school on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Mary Ann Posanski started **Lego Club** for students in 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades; their first meeting of Lego Time was yesterday with 8 students attending. They have decided to build a village for their first club project.

- Auditions for Our Lady of Guadalupe play will be taking place today after school. The play will be Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> after the Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service in Church. Mary Ann is running the auditions and directing the play.
- **ATHLETICS:** The Fall Soccer Season ended with our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade team WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP!! We beat Nativity Jesuit in the Finals, and it was a great way to send off Coach Juan Ruoda. This was his last game as a volunteer coach and I cannot thank him enough for his service to SJK and the Parish. He has been coaching Basketball and now Soccer for the past 15 years and for the past 7+ years he has coached even though his son graduated from SJK years ago. Our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Fall Season in the Southwest Catholic Soccer League.
- Volleyball begins on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. We have 3 teams this year, 1 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade team and 2 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Coach Sofia Lynch is the coach again for all 3 teams. We are very lucky to have her as coach; she has done a wonderful job of transforming our Volleyball program into a very successful and popular program. She is also the Head Varsity Coach for a local High School Volleyball team, so we are very fortunate to have her here at SJPII.
- Basketball season begins today. We have 1 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls team. It will be coached by John Curro, retired maintenance man from SJK.

### **Report from Beth Eichman**

- School Advent Missions  
The schools will be collecting for the Parish Food Pantries in November and December.

Each student will design a Christmas card for the St. Vincent de Paul Center. The cards will go out to families that receive food baskets at Christmas.

We are working with Idalia on both projects.

- Seton School System Meeting  
Fr. Mike Ignaszak, the Principals, Sharon and I met with President of Seton Catholic Schools Don Drees and his Financial Officer to ask questions.

### Mission Statement of Seton Catholic Schools

Seton Catholic Schools is a transformational educational system committed to overcoming social and academic challenges, empowering students, families and educators to attain their God—given potential.

Seton is supported by the Archbishop, a Board of Directors, and a system staff of 12 currently. There are 9 schools in the first year of operations. There will be a second wave of schools announced soon. They will begin their preparations in January 2017.

They are predicting four waves of schools to join the system. They will have 26 schools in all, which brings them to the 4<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the state.

The benefits of working together as a system include:

- Shaping administrators and teachers for successful educational progress.
- Focusing on our Catholic Mission and being a role model in our community and the nation.

- Working as a system opens doors to opportunities in politics, purchasing and education reform.

Seton is at the very beginning of setting a base for these goals.

Many of the program elements are already up and going at our schools.

- Shared Teaching Staffs
- Learning Communities for Teacher professional growth
- Common Standards Based Curriculums
- Common Testing programs for student measurement
- Family involvement in Parish and School Life
- Strong Catholic Identity
- Schools are financially 99% independent from the Parish

The Seton System is not at this level yet in their development. Therefore, we chose to pass at this time. We will revisit next fall and consider the best way to go into the system.

### **Break and APC Convocation Video:**

#### **Finance Council Report: Vicki**

- We approved both schools Amended Budgets based on the third Friday count.
- We approved the expense for “With all Our Hearts.” This program will be cost supplemented by the Archdiocese and will focus on Discipleship which makes us good stewards. It is a 2 year program after a 3 month preparation.
- We still have to pay the invoice for the 2 new air conditioning units installed at SH Church. The funds have been moved to cover this expense.
- Fr. Mike said Finance will be discussing another expense at their next meeting on the stained glass windows that are leaking in SH Church and causing the paint to peel. We have to look at weather stripping seals for these stained glass windows.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Lifelong Faith Formation: Dean and Beth**

- No meeting yet so No Report.

##### **Human Concerns: Janice**

- Advent Project envelopes will be made available.
- We collected 150 bath towels donated from families who are served by the food pantry. These towels will be given to SVDP to provide showers to the homeless at their meal site.
- Idalia is a good hire.

##### **Prayer and Worship: Herman**

- The approved minutes of September 20, 2016 were included in the council packets for the members to read.
- The Mass of Remembrance celebration the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> was well received and very meaningful. Many families of a deceased loved one came to participate at one of the

Mases. Robert Martin spelled out the names of our deceased phonetically to make it easier for the readers to read at the Spanish Masses.

- Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

**Stewardship: Janice**

- We are waiting for the video “With All Our Hearts” that focuses on Discipleship for our committee members to see. Fr. Wolfe said he would get the video to the committee.

**New Business:**

- Fr. Wolfe said that envelopes will be coming to accept donations for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday, December 12, 2016.
- Janice asked about the floor at SJK being replaced but Vicki mentioned we have to be concerned about the furnaces at SJK also.
- Doreen sent Fr. Mike and Bob Lynch an email for a group picture of the Parish Pastoral Council members for the bulletin. Bob mentioned we will take this picture at our December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. with a closing prayer (the “Our Father”) said by all. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2016 after the 6:30 p.m. Advent vespers at SH Church. The meeting will be in the Parish Office, meeting room #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita L. Wucherer, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary