

Parish Council Reports 2015

November

Christian Formation

Leader: Karen Bushman

Representative: Terrie Cavender

Meeting Date:

Next Meeting Date:

Karen's Report

1. Sacrament Preparation - We have completed the retreats and will have our first adult/child sessions this week.
3. RCIA/RCIC - Adult enrollment is 3, all are baptized. Current student enrollment is 3 because a high school student will be waiting until next year. There is one teen from St. Veronica and an elementary from St. Augustine and St. Paul.
4. Adult Confirmation – Sessions have been going very well. Our next meeting is October 26 and then we will have our retreat on November 7.
5. Adult Bible Study is completing Esther and we will soon be starting Genesis.
6. Trivia Night is this Saturday, October 24. Everything is ready to go.
7. Safe Environment requirements will be completed during November for all elementary grades. There was a presentation at St. Stephen's for grades 6 – 8. Any student that did not attend will be coming to the makeup on November 15 presented by Rebecca and myself. Grades K – 2 are on November 8 and 3 – 5 are on November 22.
8. Lenten Journey – Letters were sent out to all of the parishes. Please see the copy distributed.

Youth Ministry Report

Middle School – Developing a Mission Trip opportunity for this summer hopefully. Mission trip will only be here in Wisconsin. Mission Trip will be done through Inspiro. Estimate cost is \$230. Fundraising will be done to cover most of the cost.

High School – Movie night this coming Friday at 6pm. Mission Trip information will be talked about before the movie, Hocus Pocus.

Next Movie night – January 15 at Sacred Heart?

Young Adults – Brews, Burgers for Babies is this Thursday, Oct.22; 7 – 9pm. Fundraising money for Pro-Life, etc.

Upcoming Brewing the Faith – November 5, December 3 (Emily working on the topics).

CF Committee Minutes

October 19, 2015

Attendees: Lynn Filak (NOTL), Terry Cavender (SV), Vivian Roe (SHJ), Cindy Wiktorek (IC), Karen Bushman (Elem), Rebecca Scholz (YM)

Excused: Jeanine Gruszkowski (St. Paul), Judy Steinke (SV adults), Brett Gelinsky (SA), and Helen Bugni (SHJ)
Meeting opened with a prayer offered by Cindy.

Staff Reports

- A. Karen – See written report. Don't forget Trivia Night is October 24 with a Halloween theme! Also, an evening Bible study may be tried next year. No firm plans have been made.
- B. Lenten Journey – Letters to the pastors/administrators were distributed. Topic will be Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- C. Rebecca – See written report.

1. Lenten "Walk to Jerusalem" – Rebecca brought in more information about how this program worked at her mother's parish. Terry said that Eric (website manager at SV) told her that we could put one email address on the website at all parishes so that everyone would send in their distances to the single email address. Terry has young adults interested in working with the tabulation. A physical therapist has offered to put together information about the "conversion" between activities that a more sedentary person would do and a "distance travelled" so that even the elderly/homebound parishioners can contribute.

We also discussed having a map or a link to a map which would be interactive so that as our journey continues, various sites could be clicked on for information (such as shrines, churches, points of interest, historical information). Lynn mentioned a site called thing link which would allow us to learn more about this sort of map.

We will also develop a reflection and reflection questions so that as people exercise or go to the website or our parish bulletins, it would give them something to ponder on the journey. These reflections could also be added to the 6 parish websites.

- She is hoping to set up the first Youth Night for October.

2. Young adults – Rebecca brought the flyer for Brews and Burgers for Babies which will be held at the St. Francis Brewery on October 22 from 7 – 9pm. A percentage of your bill will go to Women's Support Center of Milwaukee and Wisconsin Right to Life Education Fund. Also the upcoming Brewing the Faith nights are NOVEMBER 5 and DECEMBER 3 but the topics are not yet determined.

3. Mission trip planning – Plans are proceeding for a Mission Trip for Middle School Youth this coming summer through Inspiro. The site would be within the state of Wisconsin. The estimated cost per youth would be \$230 but that would include a portion going to pay for the fees of the adults who need to attend. Rebecca mentioned that it is preferable that the adults need not pay since they are coming along as the chaperones.

4. Movie Night for High School – Will be held on October 23 at 6pm. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Showing the movie Hocus Pocus and discussion of future mission opportunities for the older age group.

Old Business

- A. STAA Report – Vivian talked about the Soles for Education Walk which had been held on Sat, Oct 17. She felt that less money had been raised this year and there were definitely less participation (around 100 last year and approximately 50 this year). The Penny War ended on Friday but no dollar amount raised was available at this time. Currently the school is collection socks for “Sock”tober!
 - 1. Spring Auction – Vivian is the chair and the venue will be at Alverno College. Date is May 14 and the new site will be hold around 300 people. She hopes to have the invitations out by the end of December. Theme – MASQUERADE. Vivian mentioned that there was a total fundraising goal for STAA of \$50,000 and if the Walk did not earn as much as had been anticipated, the auction will become even more important.

New Business

- A. Advent for Sacred Heart – They will be having something different for each week of the season.
 - 1. 1st Sunday of Advent – There will be a post-Mass tour for parishioners of various parts of the church such as the sacristy, the crystal sculpture, the words over the exit door near the baptismal font, etc. There will also be hospitality.
 - 2. 2nd Sunday – Movie Night December 4, The Christmas Candle
 - 3. 3rd or 4th Sunday (not yet fully scheduled) – Christmas Carol Concert including the Thomas More High School chorus, scouts and SHJ choirs. There will also be an informal cookie exchange.
 - 4. Pre-Advent mailing – Again this year there will be a mailing of a schedule of cluster wide Advent activities and Mass times. Other cluster parishes can give mailing labels and the postage if they wish their parishioners to receive the mailing. Finalization of information must be completed by November 15 and collating/ mailing will be on November 22.
 - 5. St. Nicholas will be attending their Children’s Liturgy on December 6.

Parish Items

- A. St. Veronica had Octoberfest on the 17th and it went well. Vivian asked if there was a way to learn how much money was raised by the raffle baskets because some of the baskets were worth a considerable sum of money. Terry said that there will be information about the finances probably within the month, perhaps by their next meeting but not for certain.
- B. Lynn discussed the urgent need for servers at Nativity, especially for the 4:30pm Liturgy. One suggestion is that a list of the names of children in the target age group and their parent’s emails become compiled and then an invitation email be sent to each family. Also Nativity had a successful spaghetti dinner on Oct. 17.
- C. IC also held a Harvest Fest chicken dinner on October 10 which also included raffle baskets, pull tabs and other activities. Karen said the chicken was delicious! The next dinner is November 14 and they will have Irene’s catering a Polish dinner!

Next meeting November 23; 6PM at Nativity of the Lord school building. Enter at the parking lot door and come up the stairs. Because we have not had a representative from St. Paul attend so far this year, Karen or Rebecca will be asking Fr. Romanus about their current representative. It is important that each parish send a representative as often as possible so all parishes can remain current on plans.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Bushman

Human Concerns

Leader:

Representative:

Meeting Date:

Finance

Leader:

Representative:

Meeting Date:

Next Meeting Date:

Prayer & Worship

Representative: Kathy Kaiser

Meeting Date: November 4

Next Meeting Date:

In Attendance: Jane Dereszynski, Kathy Kaiser, Deacon Pat LaPointe, Father Mark Payne, Jan Rupinski, Jenny Simmons, Jeannette St. Onge

Absent: Paula Federman, Mike Rupinski

- I. Prayer
- II. Approval of Minutes - approved
- III. Parishioner concerns – people are liking the lights on the front of church.
- IV. Old business
 - A. Final preparations for Advent Masses – all set. Sign-up for lighting the advent wreath will go out in the next week or two.
 - B. Revisit notices in cry rooms – no need to revisit. Response to message on back of the worship aid has been overwhelmingly positive.
- V. New business
 - A. Evaluation of Mass of Remembrance – Very positive feedback. Bigger crowd. Only one candle was missed; Father Mark spoke with her today. There were some problems finding candles. It was discussed whether we could have parishioners take their candles before mass, and then have them bring candles to Father Mark. Maybe reduce names from 5 to 2 or 3. Father Britto suggested having everyone process in at beginning of mass with lit candles, and then read names during mass. If process in, take candle tops and line them up on communion rails (resolves issue of tight lids). Table wasn't set up for reception, and there was no wastebasket. Reception went nicely. Paula should create prayers of the faithful next year (and print them in large font). Only need 4 ushers for next year; church should be open at 5:45 p.m. for 6:30 mass (folks arrived early). Order of Worship was only at the back of church; need them at all the doors; need ushers handing them out. No collection at Mass of Remembrance.
 - B. Thanksgiving Mass - Food pantry donations? We will have donations at Thanksgiving Mass; Father Mark will make announcements between now and Thanksgiving. Jenny will place baskets inside the back doors (by crying room), and then by the parking lot doors.
 - C. Advent Reconciliation service – Immaculate Conception on December 9, 7:00 p.m.
 - D. Date for Mass of Healing – Tuesday, May 24.
- VI. Parish Council concerns – Tomorrow there is a meeting at Archdiocese to learn the fate of the cluster.

- VII. Ministry Reports **Music:** We did not get enough children signed up for the children's choir; we do have a bell choir. **Servers:** We have 12 new servers. **Lectors:** We lost one and gained one. Remind lectors to project their voices so that they can be heard. **Eucharistic Ministers:** One of our ministers is signing up as a steward but isn't performing the role. Remind ministers to arrive 10 minutes before mass. Section 3 – serve first row starting from opposite end of pew. **Ushers:** Doing well. **Environment:** Doing well.
- VIII. Closing Prayer

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30.

Stewardship

Leader: Judith Schenk

Representative: Eric Schmidt

Meeting Date:

Next Meeting Date:

Stewardship

October 27, 2015

Attendance: Judith Schenk, Robin Decker, Eric Schmidt, Lillian Ciske, Kathy Kaiser

Item	Follow-up	Responsible Person When Due
Old Business		
Volunteer Appreciation	To be finalized and presented around Thanksgiving	Judith
Ministry Catalogue	Directory committee listing not accurate regarding total committees at Parish Report needs additional information including committee head Reports are not accurate at this time regarding membership Parish Council liaison will work with their committees to get committee heads	Judith with Mary Jo Next step: Invite Mary Jo to Stewardship meeting Parish Council

Fellowship after Mass	Octoberfest and Mass well attended awaiting final numbers Plan for a family friendly event perhaps around Easter or a winter event	Closed Discuss at Parish Council for possible lead/committee member
Slideshow for website	Consent form for photographs on website sent out Obtain list of children who's parents have not consented to having pictures on website Insurance company aware of plan	Eric
Financial renewal	Out with November mailing This will be in addition to April mailing to get on an annual schedule	Completed Return deadline November 30
New Business		
Archmil- Successful Stewardship	November 10 Lillian will attend	Lillian to report at November meeting
Archmil- The Vineyard	Take articles from The Vineyard to place in bulletin	ongoing
Evangelize MKE	Review program from Archmil Video from program on website New App 'The Parish App'	Lillian Eric investigating

Welcoming

Leader: Robin Decker

Representative: Judi Caruso

Meeting Date:

Next Meeting Date:

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy

Leader: Tom Carls/Fr. Mark Priest Designate SP

Meeting Date:

Representative: Madeline Kleczka

Finance Representative: Judi Caruso

Meeting Date: September

Archdiocese Parish Council

Representative: Bruce Davie

District 15 APC