Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2017

Members Present:  Bill Murphy, Andrew DuPerrieu, Amy Sullivan, Pam Malast, Tomi Zaninovich, Miguelina Sunderland, Stacy Jones, and Mike Crider

Members Absent:  Lisa Logsdon-Seay, Lori Hatton, Dianna Hand, and Father Brad

Opening Prayer:  Group “Our Father”

February minutes approved by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

1. Good feedback from the Parish Mission.  The general consensus was that we liked the mission being held during the Lenten season and hope to continue as such. Fr. Brad may have more comments about the Mission at the next meeting.
2. **Discernment** – Nomination forms will be in pews this weekend and again after Easter.  Bill alerted Lois we will need the list by our next meeting.  Then we will distribute names to call and talk at the next meeting about who will do what at the Discernment meeting.  There will be a Power point presentation led by Amy, personal testimonies about being a PC member, and refreshment duties to assign. Bill will let us know when he needs help.
3. **Kitchen Ministry** – Mike reported that the Kitchen committee met and are evaluating what is needed.  Jim Garrett is overseeing the Committee and we may be able to get more warming ovens through his company.  There is no capital component for the kitchen renovation.  It comes from the General Fund.  We were down in collections by $70,000.00 for the Fiscal Year.  Money has to be found, which is a concern.  The renovation is ongoing.  Need to decide what we want and how to pay for it.  Miguelina will send Mike a description of what the Spanish community is currently using the kitchen for.
4. **Severe Weather Plan** – Our new plan was mentioned in the bulletin and will be again next week.  Bill presented us with an example of an insert to go into the bulletin.  He would like us all to read over it and offer him suggestions before he prints it. Miguelina will translate it into Spanish.  Mike thinks that someone needs to explain the process at each Mass.  Do not leave until the “all clear” is given.  Bill said we need to set up our own Usher training.  Also, we need a “trained volunteer” to monitor the weather.  We thought it would be a good idea if our priest asked for volunteers.  The Knights of Columbus were also mentioned. Andrew suggested that cones be put out on severe weather days.  Tomi suggested signs on the wall at the safety zones.  Nursery workers need to know the plan.

**New Business**:

1. Andrew asked if STM is hiring a new Youth Minister.  He wondered if that person could help with Theology on Tap.  Amy thought they may start the process after Lent.  Currently the MS youth group is being led by Terry and Amy Sullivan.  There is no HS youth group right now.
2. Bill had a question about why the STM Disciples Response Fund assessment was higher than other Parishes with more parishioners.  Stacy showed the current Parish Target Report.  Our assessment was $39,451.89.  Each parish target is 2.58% of the three-year average of its regular collections from the fiscal years 2012-13, 2012-14, and 2014-15.  These targets are not mandatory.  If a parish does not reach its target, there is no penalty.

**Ministry Reports**:

Andrew talked with Pat Kerr and the STM app will fully launch after Easter.  Theology on Tap has dwindled.  At the last meeting only Andrew and his wife showed up.  Needs leadership and consistency.  Same time and place.  Need to call people.  Amy suggested to make Fr. Brad aware.

Pam reported that Altar servers are scheduled for Easter.  Need Ushers for Holy Week and Easter.  There will not be a procession on Palm Sunday.  Sacristans need new cups.  Children’s choir not meeting yet.  Work done on lights in church.  Rice bowls collection to take place at Holy Thursday Mass offertory will be collected by Amy, Pam, Dianna, and Bill; these will immediately be brought to the church office and locked up.

Amy submitted the three agreed nominees for the John J. Bishop McRaith award: Community Kitchen, Hope Unlimited, and Paducah Cooperative Ministry.

Next meeting – April 24th

Bill Murphy said the closing prayer.