

St. James Pastoral Council Meeting Notes – Approved Copy

Date: February 12, 2018

Present: Fr. Ed Tlucet, Keith Fisher, Jerry Holzhauser Cheryl Marotta, Bill Schmitt, Sharon Miley, Carol Pearson Bob O'Malley, Drew Yergens, Glenn Lazich, Derrick Schlitz, Marris Reynolds and Debra Dunn.

Absent: John Van Zeeland, Harold Casper, Bill Kirkman and Renee Hitt

Location: St. James Room 10 at 7:00pm

Reading & Reflection: Sharon Miley

December, 2017 Minutes approved: by Bill Schmitt and Sharon Miley

Calendar of Events

- Ash Wednesday – 2/14/2018
- Fish Fry 3/2/2018
- Family Promise 3/4 thru 3/10/2018
- Easter Week 3/29 – 4/1/2018

Committee Reports:

- **Evangelization/Stewardship (Drew):** Meeting to be held 2/22
- **Prayer & Worship: (Carol)** See attached handout
- **Finance: (Cheryl Marotta):** Parish in good shape with \$66,000 ahead. Our regular collections are \$15,000 above budget. We are ahead of last year's envelopes by \$7800. Fr. Ed reported that he had met with Christopher Bach who is a seminarian from our parish and suggested that our parish contribute to his education. He is in school at St. Hearts School of Theology, 2 years out from ordination. St. Theresa's is contributing to a seminarian from their parish and this will be brought up to the finance committee to see if they will contribute to supporting our parish's seminarian Christopher Bach.

Fr. Ed will showcase Christopher & Kevin (from St. Theresa's during Holy Week. Recommended that we be proud & support someone from our own parish. Although the Knights of Columbus provide funds for seminarians this is not technically part of our parish.

- **Adult Formation & Human Concerns (Bill Schmit):** The Spiritual Soup for the Soul will be held at our church on 2/21/2018 and both Pastoral Councils from St. Theresa & St. James will be providing, soup, bread and serve the meal. The speaker is Michael Donahou at 6:00pm at St. James. Soup will be provided in the Activity Center following the guest speaker. This event is free & open to all. Future dates are 2/28, 3/7, 3/24 and 3/21/2018. This information is in the bulletin.
- **Youth/Religious ED (Sharon Miley):** (See attached Handout) Susan Bashynski, the Director of Religious Education, is energetic and excited about the involvement in the parish. Susan is working with Pam & Laurie Tannel to coordinate between St. James & St. Theresa's, to use one textbook for the program & high school. St. Theresa's has a well oiled machine and we can learn from it. Plan to have the family come with their high school student twice a month, go to breakfast & to mass together, kids go to class and parents attend a program. The families would be able to go to a couple of different times at St. James or St. Theresa's. There is good will between our parishes and we hope to blend for sacraments, general and adult education.
- **Youth Parish Council Members (Derrick Schlitz & Marris Reynolds):** Madri Gras is coming up on 2/13/2018. Derrick expressed concerns about what to do with their volunteer hours for community service and to whom they should turn their hours into & it was suggested that they be turned into Susan Bashynski.

Fr. Ed reports that February 24 is the date of Confirmation and we should be very proud of our young people. Recommended that we send them a card of congratulations & acknowledge their accomplishments. Fr. Ed also recommended that members of the Pastoral Council attend their confirmation, 10:00 am at St. James to acknowledge our teenagers and to keep connected. Also, on the 25th of February ask that we attend the 10:30 mass to acknowledge & support our teenagers.

- **Festival (Keith Fisher):** We will be changing the festival to a two day celebration, with Fish Fry & music Friday night and Saturday, we are going to try to bring in vendors, have a craft sale, food trucks, a chicken dinner and a band. We will still have the car raffle which was one of our largest money makers and basket raffles. This approach was decided due to the amount of labor involved in our usual festival versus the return. We will also do some other fund raisers such as a rummage and wine tasting thru out the year. Suggestions also were provided to do a Casino Night (the Food Bank recently had one and it was well attended), or a Picnic Day. Concerns were expressed that the Car Show was a big draw & Sharon encouraged us to still have it. We have not had any one sign up as the Co-chair for the festival.

New Business:

- Tri-Parish Cluster Joint Meeting Planning – Discussed results & Open Issues of Jan. 22 Meeting. Some of the groundwork was made but Fr. Ed was hoping for more. Our parish was poised for action and it didn't work out that way. The Arch Bishop is giving our 3 parishes the ability to decide how this will happen. It has been happening, a little different at each of the parishes. We can make these changes and are on the route to making changes. We could have a combined parish council meeting every other month with St. Theresa's and blend in St. Peters. We can plan activities together, such as the mass schedule at both parishes, a joint newsletter and for holy week we will be blending with St. Theresa & St. James for masses.
- **Select & Discuss Committee Members by 3/1/2018.** It was discussed that our 3 staff members Christina Kuenzi, Sue Bashynski and Cheryl Marotta would represent the parish. Additionally, Drew Yergens, Stewardship and Debra Dunn, Human Concerns were asked to represent the parish. Each of our parishes is asked to select 5 members & than they will select a group of 12 to attend all three sessions of the Multi-parish Ministry Institute to be held in Sept, Nov. & January. (Times to be determined)
- New Priest Meeting - Discussed Results of Meeting & Open Issue. Thought it would have been helpful to prioritize the items and to let Rick Tank know. The model for our leaders are shifting, priorities are changing, more a shift with the priest as a soul leader and the Parish to set the direction. Parish should take the initiative and than the priest will get on board, but the Parish needs to take ownership.
- **Welcoming Committee Plan:** What is the task? To provide information on the parish and to be a greeter. Fr. Ed would see that expanded with new members, parishioners with new babies, parishioners who are empty nesters and that is welcoming. Start with the ushers and go way beyond. We need to do a lot more, some parishes have someone there to help register new parishioners and it takes a lot of people power. Any place where people are gathering we have an opportunity to welcome. Fr. Ed suggested maybe to have a social once a month for new members. Cheryl Marotta reported that we started/restarted a funeral hospitality and it has taken off well. It is not just the responsibility of Christian Women, but from the parish at large. To provide this service for any family that would like to have visitation or hospitality here. Look to Human Concerns & the Liturgy Committees to steer this program. RCIA is another group waiting to be asked and Stewardship. Important to have council members to be there to socialize with new members. Drew is going to talk to a few other parishes to see what they have found to be successful and to report back on his findings.
- **Parish Facilities Meeting In March 3/6/2018 at 6:30 in Rm 8** the Focus Group will be doing a presentation and the group is looking for feedback. 30-35 parishioners have been asked to be there and members of the PC are encouraged to attend. The projected out come of that meeting is to have a clear idea of what people want. Per Cheryl Marotta: We cannot have cost driving this along but want feedback to focus on the best options. The next step will be to draw a rendering and floor plans. This will be a 5 year plan from the start to the finish and we have to plan to allow room to grow.
- **Survey Results:** Time & Talent Survey's have been going out to coordinators. We have 100-120 new people signed up. We have currently received about 250 pledges and last year we ended up with 275 -300.
- **Father Ed Report:** John Van Zeeland will find out if he is accepted in the Deacon program in August. This is another area that our parish may want to contribute as it will benefit our parish.

NEXT MEETING: March 19, 2018 at 7:00pm Room 10