

Holy Spirit Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

January 24, 2019

-Present:

Helen Kelleher, Rosie Langkamp, Marlene Woller, Kim Schmidt, Kelly O'Hea, Nicole Baumgartner, Fr. Andrew, Steve Jacobs, Fr. Dwayne, Sue Halen

Excused: Mary Ostrander, Kylie Schmidt, Erin Daughtee

-Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

-Father Dwayne led us in prayer

-Minutes from November joint meeting with Finance Council approved

-Pastor's Report:

The parish pilgrimage to Rome was great experience. It went smoothly, and they have excellent guides.

Advent programs went well, and we had pretty good participation at Christmas masses, although it was down about 50 from last year. We received several compliments on decorations at all three churches.

An employee handbook has been created and implemented for staff to help guide policies and procedures.

We have bulletin inserts on the Spiritual Works of Mercy to help to connect these more intangible works. Father hopes parishioners will use as a family or in prayer group discussion. They will be put in a packet for future use.

In early January pastors met regarding Holy Family assessment. A new formula would be based on ordinary recurring income without bequests. It is still unknown what the formula will be. Several parishes would go up, some would go down. March 1 is the deadline for a formula decision. The goal is to make it a simple formula. We are currently caught up with assessment; however it is uncertain whether we will make February assessment.

-Committee Reports

-Finance

Grant funding for 2019 (see handout) proposals will be sent to DRA and McDonough Foundation. There were questions about order of the work to the church buildings. Helen will contact Mary Lou Bahl to ask about putting the cornices with the 2019 to see if we can save money on scaffolding. If there is a justifiable reason it is not combined, we would vote it through.

Year-end giving campaign- We will be at a deficit of \$80-100,000 by end of fiscal year.

We will ask parishioners to make a one-time contribution based on their current giving. The suggested gift range will be \$25-500. There will be an envelope to send it back, but we are still considering enabling online gifts.

Spirit Days was approximately \$12,000 down from average. It has gone from 3 separate events in the past to 2 spirit days. We will try the 2-day event again to see if it works. The tentative dates are set for September 14-15, which is 2 weeks earlier than last year. The committee hopes to finalize the dates at the February meeting.

Cinnamon bread sale sold out all 229 loaves before the 11:00 Sunday mass. They raised \$970 with the sale. They received sponsorship for many of the ingredients. 18 volunteers spent a total of 66 hours making the bread. The committee is considering another bread sale before Easter.

The committee is adding a winter raffle. All prizes were donated, and there will be 4 winners at each event, including half-time and grand prizes. The wording will be changed on the flyer to be easier to understand, and it will be sent in electronic form to forward in email and share on social media.

-Stewardship

No report at this time

-Liturgy

Discussed blessing of candles

Advent vespers and domestic church project were well-received.

Several people appreciated the 10:00 p.m. mass

-Faith Formation

Religious Education 1st Reconciliation retreat was rescheduled because school was canceled. The sacrament will be February 7 at 6:30 at Holy Ghost.

Next year they are considering small groups for high school Religious Education.

There are many events planned for Lent:

February 5 Awakening Faith-6 sessions

February 10 Sue Dazey and Pete Roth will facilitate discussion of The Mass by Bishop Baron

Stations of the cross on Sunday evenings.

Lenten series by social justice

Need to talk about what to do after lent.

-Social justice

March 13, 27 April 3 Lenten series with 3 topics each event: human trafficking, drug, drug court, jail and prison ministry, and responsible voting and working with government.

YWCA domestic violence shelter is in need of products- This will be a parish project.

Finishing a family project for stations of the cross as part of the domestic church project.

Discipleship experience weekend in Cedar Falls with social justice theme. At Martyr's retreat house March 22-24. Deacon John has information.

-Youth leadership

Christmas party was successful

Ice skating was canceled due to no interest

February 9 Hockey game

February 15 Prime rib dinner fundraiser

Brainstorming spring activities- Lenten movie in march? Dye eggs at nursing homes?

Service trip with St. Anthony- July 21-27 to Kentucky

-Evangelization

Awakening Faith February 5: 6 sessions- people who are inactive to reawaken their faith. The series was successful last year.

-Marriage and Family

Couples from Marriage and Family will assist Deacon Jim at Baptism classes.

Hoping to have a potluck event in August for sponsor couples, engaged couples, and couples married five years or fewer.

Anniversary mass was good

Next meeting- strategic plan review progress.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.

Meetings submitted respectfully by Kara Schroeder