

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2020**

Those present: Fr. Grant Gerlach, Kay Birkholt, John Lane, Dan DeFries, Julie Hill, Mary Kay Thompson, Joshua Schuh and Joan Roe (recording secretary).

The opening prayer was led by Fr. Gerlach.

The minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed prior to the meeting. John made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Josh seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Old Business

1. Revision of PPC Constitution: Discussion was held on revision of the PPC Constitution. Kay took notes as we discussed it. Changes were made beginning with Article I through Article V. Due to time restraints, Articles VI through VIII will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Discussion was held on the Demographics Project to take place each year beginning in February 2021. Kay said she would like to have the PPC members involved with this project due to privacy concerns regarding family/individual information. Fr. Gerlach said this will help with updating information in PowerChurch and give us better numbers as far as NPM dues, etc., which are based on number of families and/or individuals.
3. A. Outcome from February Social Services and Outreach (SSO) meeting: The meeting was well attended. The project discussed was serving meals to the public during the months of May-September, beginning this year on May 14. The meal would consist of sloppy joes, hot dogs, beans, salads and a drink. Kay checked beef prices and the beef alone would be approximately \$2,300.00. We received a grant from the Western SD Catholic Foundation in the amount \$2,000.00 for this project. For the remainder of the fiscal year, the money would come from the General Fund to cover the remainder of the costs. Then for our fiscal year budget (July 2020-June 2021), a budget line item would be added to PowerChurch and expenses would be budgeted for this project and a separate account would be set up for the funds/donations received. It was also mentioned that we could ask our parishioners if they would be willing to donate beans for the meals, saving us some money in the long run.

B. Fr. Gerlach spoke about the skewed numbers when it comes to the Five Foundational Ministries of the Diocesan Priority Plan (DPP). Most of our budget is spent on Governance and Finance and very little on Sacraments & Worship, Education and Formation, Social Services and Outreach, and Vocations and Evangelization. For next year's budget, we need to try to improve the budget percentages for the last four afore-mentioned ministries.

New Business

1. Fr. Gerlach spoke with the PPC members about the possibility of a grant from Oregon Catholic Press (OCP). The deadline to apply for a grant is May 30, 2020. At the last Parish Finance Meeting (PFC) meeting, Steve Collins with the PFC members about acoustic panels, which would help with the echoing in the church, as a possibility for the grant. Fr. Gerlach would also like to visit with Amy Spears about any ideas she may have.

2. Fr. Gerlach spoke with the members about the Holy Week schedule. This year there are adults in Custer who will be brought into the church as catechumens (unbaptized), and since Hot Springs does not have any catechumens, the schedule will be as follows:

Holy Thursday in Custer and Hot Springs
Good Friday in Hot Springs and Edgemont
Holy Saturday in Custer
Easter Sunday in all parishes

3. Fr. Gerlach spoke again with the PPC members about the skewed financial alignment of the Five Foundational Ministries of the DPP (please refer to 3(b) in Old Business).
4. Discussion was held on having Fr. Gerlach meet, over the summer, with the families of those who would be eligible to receive the sacraments during the 2020-2021 academic year. He would like to visit with them about the importance of the sacraments and how these families need to be involved (by attending Mass regularly, etc.) so that their young disciples can receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation, knowing they will continue their journey as Catholic Christians for the remainder of their lives.
5. A. Discussion was held on moving the Liturgical Minister Mini-Retreat to November rather than September. Having it in November will allow any new Liturgical Ministers to receive their training and be blessed/commissioned before the Mini-Retreat. Then, beginning with the December Liturgical Minister schedule (and the beginning of a new liturgical year), Joan can begin scheduling them.

B. The Time and Talent Fair will be held in May so that new Liturgical Ministers can be trained over the summer, be blessed/commissioned in October and attend the Mini-Retreat in November as described in number in New Business 5(a).
6. Young Disciple Program (Education and Formation): Kay spoke of the need of continuity concerning the education of our Young Disciples. In years past, it seems that the programs we have been using have been a hodge-podge of topics. She would like to create a formation program that teaches the fundamentals of our faith at age appropriate levels. Kay asked if there was anyone on the council who would be willing to work on finding resources for teaching our Young Disciples. Mary Kay and Josh said they would be willing to work on this project and bring their findings back to the PPC members at our next meeting in May. Fr. Gerlach mentioned to the PPC that the Cathedral in Rapid City is using a program called "Alpha". Mary Kay and Josh will look at this program as part of their research.

Our next PPC Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 6:15p in the Projector Room.

Fr. Gerlach led us in a short closing prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan M. Roe
Recording Secretary*