

**St. John Paul II Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Tuesday, 02-13-2018**

**Members Present:** Fr. Mike Ignaszak, Fr. Michael Wolfe, Angie Conchi, Beth Eichman, Roger Hagen, Bob Lynch, Maggie Lynch, Dean Pluskota and Anita Wucherer.

**Excused:** Chris Gramling, Herman Guzman and Alice Palacio-Gomez.

**Guest:** Idalia Nieves-Reyes, Pastoral Associate

Chairman Bob Lynch called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Dean led us in opening prayer.

**Approval of January 9<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Council Minutes**

The minutes of 01/09//2018 were reviewed and there were no additions or changes. Roger moved to approve the minutes and Dean seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.

**Pastoral Staff Ministry Report: Idalia Nieves-Reyes, Pastoral Associate**

- Idalia said she loves her job and working at St. John Paul II Parish.
- I worked very hard on the Food Pantry in 2017. On an average we served 72 families a month; over 300 individuals. My volunteers are very committed working for Food Pantry. We had a celebration for the volunteers in July, 2017.
- SVDP volunteers work at the meal site once a month, the second Friday of the month. We share with St. Roman's Parish and work with their volunteers. We help the homeless and collected 185 towels for the towel drive. Each person gets a towel and hygiene supplies like soap, shampoo and tooth paste.
- I took a Pastoral Care eight week training session with Catholic Charities for our Hispanic community to better understand their needs.
- I distribute Holy Communion on Wednesdays to five places: Community Living Center in South Milwaukee, Clifton Court, Hickory Park, Ramsey Woods and the Parish Neighborhood.
- I took a Mission trip to La Sagrada Familia Parish in the Dominican Republic in June of 2017 with the help of Fr. Mike Wolfe making the contact for me. This Mission Trip was one of Discipleship and Evangelization.
- In October, 2017 I went to visit my mother in Puerto Rico where she was affected by Hurricane Maria. They still have no power in my mom's village. This was a Mission of Love as of today.
- The supporting groups I oversee are:
  - Pray Shawls
  - Marriage Group
  - Woman's Group
  - Adult Faith Formation
  - Prayer Group
  - Elizabeth Ministry
  - Al-Anon, a Spanish group for families with alcoholic and abuse problems.
  - AA, an English group for alcoholics.
- I am taking courses at Cardinal Stritch to obtain my master's degree in Lay Ministry and become certified in this ministry. I am also taking a Cannon Law class through the Archdiocese.

**Council Chair Report: Bob Lynch**

- Happy Lent!

**Synod Implementation Update: Bob Lynch – No Report this month.**

**Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak**

- I have been working on Lent. The ashes, purple vestments and purple altar cloth are set out for Ash Wednesday. We will have Bilingual Stations followed by Benediction on Mondays during Lent, the RENEW groups have started, Bilingual Vespers on Tuesdays during Lent alternating between SA and SH Church, Bilingual Rosary, Friday 2-16-18, Parish Spanish Retreat Saturday, 2-24-18 at SJK and a Soup and Substance on one of the Sundays during Lent. The speakers will be Deacon Edwin and Naida Reyes.
- 68 Confirmation candidates went on retreat this past weekend.
- I updated the signs for Lent and Holy Week at all three church sites.
- The Finance Council has to make some decisions in the near future. We cannot continue to support three church sites. With utility bills and other major expense items. I have contacted the Archdiocese and I meet with them on Wednesday 2-21-2018.

**Associate Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Wolfe**

- With All Your Heart
  - a. This quarter is "to Serve" – January – March, 2018.
  - b. Booklet for Service will be available shortly.
  - c. Announcing those serving at the Masses.
  - d. Youth Service day in April to help the elderly. We will be meeting with Inter-Faith: Idalia, Jason Koszuta, Lori Gramling and myself.
- Spanish Classes at SHSST
  - a. Tuesday and Friday afternoons.
  - b. The seminary students are learning to book a trip in Spanish and to do the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Spanish.
- Bilingual Rosary
  - a. Friday, February 16, 2018 at SA Church at 6:30 p.m. to honor of 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Lenten Retreat – Spanish Language
  - a. Organized by the prayer group for Saturday, 2-24-2018 at SJK.
- Currently taking part in Catholic Leadership Institute
  - a. We meet quarterly and have two days of straight talks on General Leadership.
- Getting a Youth Group started at St. John Paul II Parish
  - a. Parents are interested in volunteering to oversee the group.

**Schools Report: Beth Eichman**

- Both schools had successful Catholic Schools Week. The Service projects went well. The special days were fun.
- Lent begins tomorrow. The schools will be collecting Peanut Butter for the Parish Food Pantry throughout the season.
- The students will host the Stations of the Cross at various times during Lent.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will observe Confessions before Easter.
- Registrations and Choice Applications have begun and are in the process. No numbers yet.
- The Deanery Teachers will attend the Archdiocesan Professional Development Day this Friday. We have brought in a national speaker, Robert Perez. He will speak about the Framework of Poverty. The more we learn about our school families, the better we can work with them to promote their child's growth.

**Break:**

**Finance Council Report: Roger Hagen**

- We discussed current budgets and laid out ground work for budget prep.
- Fr. Mike said we are in a cash flow slump. He said this was expected with the declining enrollment at the beginning of the school year. Roger agreed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Lifelong Faith Formation:**

- No report this month.

**Human Concerns: Dean Pluskota**

- We will have our Rice Bowl project again this Lent.

**Prayer and Worship: Bob Lynch** since Herman Guzman was excused.

- The approved minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting were in your council packets.

**With All Your Heart: Fr. Michael Wolfe**

- See Fr. Wolfe's Report above.

**New Business:**

- No New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with a closing prayer (the "Our Father") said by all. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13, 2018 after the 6:30 p.m. Lenten Vespers in SH Church in the Parish Office, meeting room #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita L. Wucherer, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary