

St. John Paul II Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Tuesday – 12-13-2016

Members Present: Fr. Mike Ignaszak,, Fr. Mike Wolfe, Angie Conchi, Beth Eichman, Chris Gramling, Herman Guzman, Roger Hagen, Vicki Kegel, Bob Lynch, Maggie Lynch, Alice Palacio-Gomez, Janice Patrowsky, Dean Pluskota and Anita Wucherer.

Guest: Robert Martin

Chairman Bob Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. after our Advent Vesper Service.

Approval of November 8th Pastoral Council Minutes

The minutes of 11/08/2016 were reviewed and no additions or changes were made. Janice moved to approve the minutes and Herman seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes.

Pastoral Staff Ministry Report: Robert Martin, Director of Music and Liturgy

- The Adult Choir is doing relatively well with the low number of choir members (5 members). We will possibly be getting a new member in January, 2017. Robert mentioned that the 8:30 a.m. Spanish Mass is very successful and that we need to invest in spiritual success.

Council Chair Report: Bob Lynch

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Synod Implementation Update: Bob Lynch

- The committee gave input on the Synod Insert Reflection Questions after reading the Synod newsletter “Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.” One of the questions answered by committee members was: Of the four resolutions, is there one that especially goes to the top of your list? #1 Prepare to Meet Jesus Today and #4 Practice the Obedience of Mary and Joseph. Fr. Mike mentioned that we should practice humble obedience to God’s will in our daily lives. Discussion was also done on the article Parishioners to Deaf Community: “You Belong Here!” The office dedicated to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Ministry is run by the leadership of Rev. Christopher Klusman, associate director who is also our renter at SJP II Parish. Fr. Wolfe got to know Fr. Christopher and they discussed that where the Mass is held every Sunday that is interpreted in ASL that they are outgrowing their current space. Fr. Wolfe mentioned the possibility of hosting a 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. John Paul II Parish – St. Alexander Church (more discussion to follow about this).

Pastor’s Report: Fr. Mike Ignaszak

- Thank you for all of your service to the Community and Council.
- Special Christmas and New Year’s Mass Schedule; not the regular schedule.
- Posadas will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before Christmas. There will be one Posada (Prayer, Food and Knocking at the door to ask if there is room at the inn for baby Jesus) each night at one of the churches.
- There will be Bilingual Reconciliation on Tuesday December 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at SA church.

- There will be an altered Summer Mass schedule. We will be adding a 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at SA starting in February, 2017.
- Catholic Mutual wants us to come up with repairing the floor at SJK. They say NO code violations.
- The boiler is now working okay in SJK Church. Jon moved the refrigerator over to another location in the sacristy that was in front of a thermostat.

Associate Pastor's Report: Fr. Mike Wolfe

- Guadalupe celebration, the biggest Parish event went very well. There was a good turnout. Fr. Wolfe added that even some English speaking came to the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. A great showing of Community and Faith building. The roses on the altars were the most beautiful. Aaron Laskiewicz, our seminarian was the MC for the Mass. St. Alexander's hall is the best place to hold the reception because it has 2 halls. 900 Tamales were made. Angie Conchi's two children were Aztec Dancers. There was good team effort from all the groups who helped with the Guadalupe celebration.
- I enjoy being a priest during Advent.

Schools Report: Beth Eichman, Director of Education

- The Christmas programs are this week.
- HWA – will combine two Christmas Programs to Thursday, 1:30 p.m. due to the cold weather in the Church.
- SJK- will do “**Christmas Around the World**” on Friday, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church.
- Winter Break will begin at Noon on Wednesday, December 21st.

Break:

Finance Council Report: Vicki

- The auditors found NO Choice application problems.
- Fr. Mike is checking with companies who specialize in stained glass windows. The stained glass windows at SH need to be restored.

Committee Reports:

Lifelong Faith Formation: Dean and Beth

- No meeting yet so No Report. Fr. Mike did mention that all the Reconciliation is done for the Religious Ed students and the students from both Schools.

Human Concerns: Janice

- We were writing Thank You cards to our donors and supporters (approx. 50 cards) at our last meeting.
- Food families for December will receive a \$15 monetary gift card, a bag of food and a stuffed animal (70-80 families). The family must be a parish/school family member in the geographic area.
- This is the first year we will have Food Pantry in the month of January, 2017.
- \$1,200 a month is spent by the Food Pantry.
- The Food Pantry envelope in our packets did well this year.

Prayer and Worship: Herman

- The approved minutes of October 18, 2016 were included in the council packets for the members to read.
- Fr. Wolfe mentioned that Naida Reyes who oversees the 11:30 a.m. Spanish Mass and Jesús Roa Fuentes who oversees the 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass will be joining the Prayer and Worship committee. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2017.
- Fr. Wolfe also added that the groups who prepare for the Guadalupe celebration will be a sub-committee of Prayer and Worship.

Stewardship: Janice

- We are waiting to hear from “With All Our Hearts” people/contacts at the Archdiocese.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with a closing prayer (the “Our Father”) said by all. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Office, meeting room #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anita L. Wucherer, Parish Pastoral Council Secretary