St. Mary Pastoral Council Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2017

**Presen**t: Marita Martin, Shelley Wheaton, ML Hahn-Setta, Tom Turek, Matt Jordan, Fr. Bill, Renee Doster, Kathy Day, Sean Hilbert, Patrice Marner

**Formation**: Scott read the Gospel regarding The Widow’s Mite and we reflected on our obligation to help the poor & impoverished. What more can we do as a parish? It was suggested that we do a service project (sheets) for Deacon Mike’s ministry in Flint in March.

**Old Business**: 12/3/17 ALPHA Meeting for Pastoral Team, Scott & Kelly

12/10/17 ALPHA Training following the 10am Mass til 3pm

1/8/17 ALPHA launch

Sean Hilbert offered to do a witness talk at Mass to encourage participation in ALPHA.

We anticipate 60 participants and 15 helpers.

Security and Handicap Door: Tom Turek will work with Beth on this.

**New Business**: December Pastoral Council Meeting: We will meet on 12/18 as we are cancelling January & February meeting in favor of ALPHA.

Pastoral Council Membership: Commissioning is coming weekend, 12/3. Virginia Krueger is resigning from PC citing her childrens’ busy schedules. We discussed the need for representation from singles, young adult & young parents.

Offertory Procession Participants: We need to let people know that they can volunteer when they arrive to bring up the gifts. Ushers need to make an effort to find singles to do this as well. Bulletin article & announcements.

Pastor’s Report: Roof repair is currently underway. Pictures of former pastors have been installed in the hall. All Christmas decorations are up. The Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for 12/9/17.

Respect Life: is sponsoring the showing of the film, Poverty, Inc. on Saturday, January 13, 2018 following the 4:30pm Mass with speakers from Servants of Charity & Deacon Mike’s Ministry in Flint. It was suggested that Faith in Action be included.

Religious Education Report: Women’s Conference was a success with over 1000 women in attendance

RE/YM is filling Christmas Shoe Boxes for Flint. Religious Education had a community day & the children learned about a Gospel story, practiced Christmas Carols, heard about vocations & the Mass. Upcoming: parent/child meeting for 1st Reconciliation, Jesse Tree & Christmas play.

Youth Ministry: NCYC had over 25,000 participants. The DoL took 170. It was an amazing experience.

Unashamed: A High School Youth Conference has 800 participants with 47 from St. Mary (the largest parish group). St. Mary brought the most items for the service project for Adore Ministries in Houston.

Finance Council: Fr. Bill/Scott reports that Donna Eder feels we are in good shape.

K of C: Tom reported on the Knights helping build a ramp in Flint for a young man who is in a wheelchair. The Knights will continue to offer financial support to Deacon Mike’s ministry in Flint.

The Knights are paying for our Christmas gift to the parish, Matthew Kelly book & CD.

The KofC Christmas party has been cancelled.

Advent SLC/FIA Families: Renee Doster reported that there are 5 families and over 50 residents of St. Louis Center that the members of St. Mary will provide Christmas gifts for. Gifts should be returned by 12/10/17.

State of the Parish: January 27/28, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

MaryLou Hahn-Setta