

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

December 6 2016

Present at the meeting:

Father Jack Sheaffer, pastor  
Franco Dell'Olio, chair  
Ray Fontaine, co-chair  
Francesca Forrest, secretary  
Theresa Murphy, Adult Education  
Paula Moran, Communications  
Anna Donovan, Communications  
Shelly Garrow, Family Life  
Theresa Renaud, Hospitality  
John and Therese Rakouskas, Marriage Enrichment  
Pat Skaza, Music Ministry  
Carla Dell'Olio, Vocations  
Paul Vanasse  
Terry Fontaine

### **1. Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30**

### **2. Prayer**

### **3. November minutes accepted; agenda accepted, January and February calendars reviewed**

### **4. Commission Reports**

#### **A. Adult Education**

- formed.org information sheet went out as bulletin insert.
- Women of Grace info in parish resources all up-to-date now.
- Women of Grace working their way through Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues; that program will finish on 24 January.
- Geri Amprimo is leading a talk, "Prophets: Messengers of God" on Wednesday 7 December (evening) and Thurs 8 December (morning).

#### **B. Communications**

- Everyone's doing their thing.
- Anna Donovan reports that Jeanne Brzycki has done a great job organizing everything related to the CD and ornament sales. (More on this below.)

#### **C. Family Life**

- Shelly Garrow shared a photo from the kids' craft fair.
- Approximately 40 children came
- Tom Curto was Santa—he was great with the kids.

#### **D. Hospitality**

- Theresa Renaud: Wondering about the cookie swap—should hospitality organize? Answer: No; Fr. Vern always did it in the past. (People will just show up on the day with cookies)

#### **E. Marriage Enrichment**

- Therese Rakouskas: Nothing to report.

#### **F. New Evangelization**

- Justine couldn't be present, so John Rakouskas read her notes.
- November initiative was saints helping us love the unlovable.

- December initiative will focus on the saints of Advent, those who show us the way.
- The commission thanks Louise Christ, Jeanne Brzycki, and Carolyn Groves for their continued support.

### **G. Spiritual Life**

- Therese Rakouskas: the commission went through calendar to be on track for the year
- Kathy Wood is the commission co-chair.

### **H. Vocations**

- Carla Dell'Olio: Seminarian gift card Christmas tree is up.
- Christmas cards went out to 16 seminarians; "let them know they are in our daily prayers"
- Card also let them know that there will be a Mass for their intentions on Sunday 26 April
- One of Vocations Crosses broke; Carla suggests getting a shorter crucifix with a wider base. Fr. Jack: go ahead and get one you determine is sensible.
- The Vocations Cross is no longer well booked—maybe another nudge from the altar?

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## **5. Old Business**

### **A. Chalice of Salvation Mass**

- Went well; Carla reported that the choir was magnificent.

## **6. New Business and Other Reports**

### **A. Update on Ornament and CD sales**

- Louise Christ sent an email detailing where things stood as of 6 December (PC council meeting's date), which will be entered into the record but to summarize:
  - \$3,433.00 in CD sales, so must get \$414.14 to break even. Approximately 225 sold; amount is not precise because some people pay with a \$20 and don't take their \$5 in change.
  - Approximately \$2,170–\$2,190 in ornament sales as of that date; approximately \$1,275–\$1,295 more to sell to break even. So far 109 ornaments sold.

### **B. Organ**

- Deposit went in for the organ; it will be up and running for Easter 2017.
- The decorative pipes in the church can stay; will just need to take out three or four of the smaller ones.

### **C. Fr. Jack Personal Note**

- Christmas letter went out with schedule of Christmas Masses.
- The parish's membership in formed.org will be in lieu of Christmas gift (i.e., no CD), as it costs \$1,000 per year.
- Bishop is visiting every parish to see how things are running, etc. He and his team spend a day and meet with everyone. They will be in Belchertown in April or May.
- Fr. Jack is postponing changes in the bylaws and elections of chair, co-chair of pastoral council until after that visit.

## **7. Closing Prayer**

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 pm**