Christ, Our Light! Parish Pastoral

Council Meeting

MINUTES March 15, 2016 7:00PM CHRIST, OUR LIGHT!

Meeting called by Father Don Demmer

Chairperson Mike Parker

Vice-Chairperson

Secretary Pat Dobosenski

Attendees

Lori Andrzejewski, Paul Bozymowski, Pat Dobosenski, Mike Parker, Teresa

Ulrich, Tony DiMarco, Judy Kline, Marcia Ouellette, Elaine Cervera

Absent Jack Alfes, Don Farrell

I. Opening Prayer by Father Don and Welcome- The meeting started at 6:58 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes- No corrections. Motion by Tony to accept minutes from February 16

III. 2016, our last Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, seconded by Lori.

IV. Old Business- 1. Tony asked about Amazing Parish and had the attendees been chosen. Yes,

Father has asked Mike Parker, Theresa Ulrich, David Minnick, and Sheryl Lewis to accompany him April

18, 19, and 20 at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. 2. Parish council meeting for April will be on the

26th, the fourth Tuesday, since these Christ, Our Light! representatives will be at Amazing Parish on

Tuesday, April 19th our regular council meeting night.

V. Commission Reports

A. Education

Updates

Education Commission Minutes

March 2016- emailed to members and elaborated upon by Elaine

Cervera at the meeting.

Religious Education

Monday night classes have been very busy this Lent. Our group is raising

money to sponsor education workshops for A Vision for Clean Water. Our goal was

to sponsor two workshops but I feel we will exceed that. Families have been very

generous and children very excited about helping others.

We invited families to our Stations of the Cross prayer service on March 7th.

Children were very attentive as their teachers gave reflections for each Station. I

think they all gained a greater appreciation for the journey.

Our 7th and 8th graders are attending a session of Come, Encounter Christ on

Monday, March 14 at St. Hugo from 7-8:30PM. Those not able to attend will have

class, per usual.

First Eucharist parents met on March 3rd and received materials to prepare their

students for First Eucharist. Our next meeting for parents and students will be

Thursday, April 14 at 7PM. Students will be making their First Eucharist plates.

Many students will be attending or helping at Good Friday Bible School on

March 25 from 12 to 3PM. The students attending will be able to participate in the

Veneration of the Cross and receive Communion – if of age.

Classes will be out of session on March 20th as the parish is holding a

Communal Penance Service that evening. We will be meeting on Monday, March

28.

Sunday School

Our pre-school program during 9:30AM and 11AM Masses continues to grow.

Students age 3-6 are invited to attend on Sundays when we are in session. Thanks

to special teaching teams – Karen Crile, assisted by Phyllis Gorski at 9:30 and Joy

and Beth Clouse at 11. No pre-school on Easter Sunday or April 3rd.

Family Life

Children’s Liturgy of The Word (11am Mass /Beth Gooch)

We have 2 teens in the process of being trained as new leaders.

Family Fun Fridays: (Quarterly, Friday 7pm) next date, TBA

Vacation Bible School: (7/18-7/22/16, 9am-12noon)

“Cavern” Themed, planning with Shrine Church has begun.

Good Friday Bible School: (03/25/16, 12-3pm/Malisa Burt)

Topic: Mercy. GFBS, March 25th. We will again follow the summer VBS

template, with assigned volunteers & a set rotation schedule with crafts, skits,

activities, veneration and snack. Pre-registration is required, opens to out of parish

families on 3/13, closes 3/21. No on site registrations can be accepted.

High School Youth Ministry: (Every other Sunday, 6-8pm/Elaine Cervera)

The teens participated in service at the SOS week at Our Shepherd Lutheran and

were touched by the number of children and families that are affected by

homelessness. The teens plan to seek out other opportunities to serve the

homeless community. We continue to meet bi-weekly here at COL and on off

weeks are having fun visiting the youth group at Guardian Angels. The teens also

were invited to the youth mass at St. Anastasia followed by dinner and a dance in

celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. For Easter the teens will be packing the foods

donated for Easter baskets and helping with GFBS. In April we will be attending a

daylong pro-life conference at Mercy High School for High School students. We

also will be inviting current 8th grade students to this event.

B. Evangelization

Updates

Christian Service

March 2016- Marcia Ouellette

Bible & Bagels has been well attended on Wednesday mornings with a DVD

presentation followed by table discussions.

Friday soup luncheons after the 12:05 PM Mass have been great occasions to

gather for a meal and meet fellow parishioners. We have had six or more soups

donated by parishioners each Friday.

Our Wee Care Baby Shower is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th. Baby items and

baby bottles to fill with coins and dollars are brought to the church by the date of

the shower and displayed so all can see. Right-to-Life-Lifespan receives all the

gifts for the unwed mothers who choose life for their infants.

This Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20th, volunteers donate baked goods to

be sold for the benefit of the Special Needs Saturday Program. The Bunny Brunch

on March 5th was great fun for all students, catechists, and families.

There have been many funerals this past month. The church members have

provided great food and help with the funeral masses and bereavement lunches.

The Easter Food and Basket Drive has been generously supported by our parish

members. Teens from our Youth Group will pack food boxes for distribution on

Palm Sunday from 6-8 PM. All donations should be turned in by Sunday, March 20,

at noon.

The St. Patrick’s Day Party on March 12 was great fun. Good music and food was

enjoyed by all who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Ouellette

C. Worship

Father reported that we are all set for Lent/Easter. There have

been as many as 300 people at Friday noon mass and 50 on

Wednesday evening. Stations are attended by 15-30. The

choirs will combine for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter

Vigil.

D. Vicariate Report

§ Tony reported that the meeting for this month was cancelled but wanted to mention

that our Vicariate will have a new Vicar.

§ The Vicariate Website is something that Christ, Our Light! parishioners should be

aware of. We can publicize our events there as well as see what other parishes are

doing. http://www.aod.org/parishes/pastoral-planning/parish-plans/south-oakland/ is

the web address.