

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: January 25, 2017 – 19:00

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Mechanicsville, VA

ATTENDANCE

Pastoral Council Members

- Ellen Spain, Chairperson – Present
- Marilyn Alfaro - Present
- Peggy Anderton - Not Present
- Carolyn Brand - Present
- Donnie Gladfelter - Present
- Maria Harris - Present
- Dave Hopper - Not Present
- John Kadukammakal - Present
- Jackie Linklater - Present
- Jesse Lopez – Not Present
- Jane Nucup – Present

Clergy

- Father Jay Wagner – Present
- Deacon Chris Colville – Present
- Staff Liaison Loraine Tracy-Present

Other Representatives

- Grayle Hunley - Saint John Neumann Proposal
- Reagan Penny - Called and Gifted Presentation, Stewardship Council

MEETING MINUTES

I. Opening Prayer

Councilman John Kadukammakal opened the meeting in prayer at 19:00.

II. Faith Formation – Chris Colville

Deacon Colville reflected upon the Conversion of Saint Paul.

III. Parishioner Grayle Hunley- Remains of Saint John Neumann

Parishioner Grayle Hunley shared with council the opportunity to bring the remains of Saint John Neumann to Redeemer. The relics are housed at the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia. The Mission of the Shrine is to bring the relics to parishes around the country. Father Jay and Grayle feel this would be a great evangelization opportunity for Redeemer.

- Pastoral Council came to a consensus to follow up with the representatives at the Shrine and find out about costs to Redeemer and the time line.

IV. Stewardship Council Chair Reagan Penny-“Called and Gifted” program

Reagan Penny gave a presentation on the “Called and Gifted” program. Stewardship Council would like to bring speakers from the program to do a Friday evening/Saturday all-day workshop. There costs are substantial but there are ways to offset the costs. The Stewardship Council believes that this would be a great opportunity for parishioners to discern their gifts and talents and then put more time and talent back into the community. Reagan wants to have Parish leadership (staff, deacons, prayer leaders and all councils) attend the next training in Northern Virginia in August 2017. Though supportive of the program, concerns were raised about why some parishes experienced high attrition levels whereas others exceeded forecasted participation estimates.

- Pastoral Council came to a consensus for up to 10 members of parish leadership to attend the session in August. Stewardship and Evangelization will

collaborate to invite leadership to attend and finalize the costs for hotel and the training session. Once final costs are obtained Stewardship Council will make a proposal for funds from Finance Council.

V. Reports

Finance Council Report

- Tom Grasberger was unable to be at the meeting to take questions from the report that was submitted.

Pastor Report – Father Jay Wagner

- Crematorium: Fr. Jay shared several parishioners had approached him regarding the possibility of installing a crematorium at Redeemer. The council agreed to begin a due diligence study to determine parishioner interest and establish a cost structure estimate for the project. Father Jay will update the Pastoral Council at the next meeting on any progress.

Deacon Report- Deacon Chris Colville

- None at this time

VI. Review of Committee Reports

Art and Environment - Carolyn Brand

- Professional Services Agreement: The professional services agreement for Kerns Group was presented to council, and a motion made to approve the services outlined. Pastoral Council came to a consensus to request funds from Finance Council to move forward.

Evangelization – Loraine Tracy

- Post Card: A post card was developed, and is being sent to names on the new movers list. The post card is an introduction to the Redeemer community, and invitation to join the parish.
- Digital Kiosk: Training for the Redeemer staff has begun, and rollout to the parish is planned for February 24/25. Volunteers who will be trained will be on hand to help parishioners learn how to use it. Additional training dates are February 9th and 12th.
- Easter Welcome: The committee is working on a program to welcome visitors at Easter.

Stewardship

- Inactive Parishioners: A subcommittee was formed to focus on contacting inactive parishioners and families that did not return the Time Talent and Treasure forms.
- Commitment Form Support Program: Program to emphasize community involvement with prayer leaders, and council members in commons after Mass to gather forms is under development.
- Stewardship Ministry Prayer Service and Retreat: Planning has begun with Reagan of the committee and Deacon Ron.
- Stewardship Fair: Working to highlight financial aspects of the fair in May.
- Potluck being evaluated for June.

RE and Youth

- Family Spirit Night: Canceled due to snow.
- Youth Lock In: Successful lock in was held on January 13th.
- Future Funding: Funding for future work camp, conferences, and St. Meinrad's will need to be secured.

- January Youth Mass: Youth are planning a Mass at the end of January.
- St. Jude's/Massey Cancer Center Fundraiser: A waffle bar and/or pie-in-the-face event is planned at the next RAOFY. In addition to RAOFY, the youth are considering selling waffles after youth Masses
- Annual Service Project: Event planned for October.

Human Concerns

- CARITAS: Redeemer will host men's program May 6-13th.
- Food Pantry: Pantry needs canned tuna/chicken, canned fruit, and boxed meals.
- Noah's Children: Meals for families are planned for February.
- WOW: Wise Outreach Workers is the new initiative to support St. Therese and the Health Wagon in Southwest Virginia, Wise County. This ministry is supported by 15 Redeemer parishioners, and plans are underway to attend the next event.

Liturgy and Worship

- Christmas Eve falls on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year. Discussion took place with reference to having one Mass on Sunday morning. Staff recommendation was to have one Mass at 9:30 a.m. since that is the time that we have Mass on Holy Days of obligation. Pastoral Council came to a consensus and recommended that we have one Mass in the morning of December 24th and the Liturgy Committee can decide the time of the Mass.

VII. Chair Report

- 2015 Survey Results: A summary of responses from the 2015 survey were provided to council members, and a discussion about key observations was facilitated. From the 2015 survey, discussion took place of the input provided from 23 parishioners who provided input that they wanted to see more

outreach opportunities for families, youth and children. Pastoral Council will forward the input from the 2015 survey to Human Concerns-Diane Atkins.

- The subcommittee for parishioner feedback (from the Plenary Session) has met several times and developed draft surveys for Pastoral Council review and input. The objective is to receive ongoing feedback from the parish. Pastoral Council will review the draft surveys and provide input and comments to Ellen Spain.
- E-Giving Promotion: Early e-giving promotions have begun at several levels of the parish. Promotion weekend planned in February and September.
- Annual Budget Meeting: Pastoral Council Members asked to RSVP for Annual Budget Meeting on March 9th at 6:00 pm.
- The Good News article for March is Maria Harris.
- Prayer and refreshment for the February meeting is Brian Goulet.
- Next Pastoral Council meeting is February 22, 2017.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

- Stewardship Council reporting to Pastoral Council: Council member Ellen Spain discussed the possibility of Stewardship Council becoming a Stewardship Committee under Pastoral Council allowing better support of the Parish vision and how it is obtained through the stewardship process. Pastoral Council consensus was to keep Stewardship as a Council but Pastoral Council and Stewardship Council will work together to ensure the Parish vision is implemented through several stewardship opportunities that support the Parish.
- Saturday Vigil Mass Time: Discussion tabled , to be discussed at the February meeting
- Council member Carolyn Brand discussed some concerns brought to her attention by parishioners referencing the most recent Anointing of the Sick

Mass. Some parishioners felt that they could not come forward to receive the Sacrament due to how it was presented to the congregation before the Sacrament. The use of the terms “seriously ill or elderly”, made parishioners feel that they should not come forward. Father Jay explained that he was trying to avoid confusing this Sacrament with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

X. Closing Prayer

- Meeting concluded in prayer led by Councilman John Kadukammakal at 22:00.