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Leadership Night Report

Our Sacred Purpose

Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.

Vision

Build with the Mercy of the Father

Pastoral Council (11/15/2018)

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Cathleen Denekamp, Wade Rhodes, Deacon John Osnes, Lorinda Collings, John Gehlsen, Nikki Dyczek, Brad Blauvelt, Joni Osnes, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with a prayer. The Leadership Night information was reviewed. It was noted that the Stewardship Fair will be held March 23-24. Additionally, a letter to Bishop Gruss recommending OLBH as a hospitality parish step two has been submitted. The Discipleship Commission has not yet met. The building committee update was recorded in the administration commission minutes. The pastoral plan and goals were spoken about and beginning the next meeting we will spend the first fifteen minutes in prayer. It was noted the core values of OLBH are Mercy, Prayer, Stewardship, and Excellence. A capital campaign update revealed we are at 22% of our goal. Open forum ensued covering the following: A thank you was extended to all for the emergency meeting, the minutes were submitted to the Diocese to Fr. Mulloy and placed in the Safe Environment folder. There is a note in the bulletin that items were removed from a vehicle during faith formation and to please lock your car doors. It was addressed that the preference during the marriage blessing is to have the couple announce their names and how many years they are celebrating; this will aid in knowing names as well as celebrating the marriage vocation. The question was raised whether the welcome committee could be placed under evangelization instead of worship; it will be taken back to the worship commission. Lastly it was noted that the Piedmont Valley Ecumenical service will be held Tuesday evening at 6 PM and all are encouraged to attend. The meeting ended with a prayer.

Evangelization Commission (11/11/2018)

Present: Audra West, Jane Abernathy, and Joni Osnes

Absent: Stacy Tate, Jean Hohm, Eileen Desmond

Members met and introduced Jane to Audra. The group discussed ways Christ is working in each ones lives and how telling each other helps make Christ's presence more visible to us. A Report on the boxes packed and sent as outreach to young people and to military persons who are away from home was another topic for the group.

The next task the commission members discussed was the January 12 Senior brunch. It will begin at 10:00 am with a brunch and continue with reflections on "The Winter of Our Lives". Invitations with RSVP's will be sent in December by Joni.

Agenda for the next meeting January 10, 2019 will include making plans for the Ministry Fair in March.

Stewardship Council (11/11/18)

Present: Deacon John Osnes, Andrew Boyd, Pam Freeman, John Kersteins, Megan Kersteins, Kodi Carlin, Amanda Gottlob, Matt Gottlob, Joshua Weaver

The Stewardship Council submitted an action plan to the Diocese on the self-assessment feedback between the October and November meeting. The response from the Diocese was well received. The next primary goal of the council is to host a Stewardship Fair. We decided on hosting it over the March 23-24 weekend and incorporating it somehow across all masses. We came up with a theme for the fair; 'Being God's steward gives God the perfect hand – yours!' This theme will be focused around a poker/bingo card, where people will have to visit each commission to get a poker hand to register for door prizes. Both children and adult door prizes will be provided. The council will meet on Dec 5th to work out more of the logistics and present it to the rest of the commissions during the January meeting.

Administration Commission (11/08/2018)

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Erik Haakedahl, LaChel McCollar , Katie Harwood, Aaron Johnson

Absent: Audrey Montileaux, Abby Philbrick, Lorinda Collings

The meeting began with a building committee brief:

- The brick on the east side of the back of the church is separating from the wall. The situation is under monitoring with no immediate plan for remediation.
- Goal: Finish the rectory basement by December 2019
- Goal: Convert the garage to meeting/classroom space by removing the wall between the kitchen and garage which will also allow for storage and a maintenance storage area. The kitchen area will be retained. The garage door will be removed and bricked allowing for a separate entrance. This will be complete by June 2019.
- Goal: Paint the exterior of the rectory and complete gutter repairs by September 2019.
- The parking lot project has been extended. It will begin again next summer but may need a larger renovation due to cracking.
- Goal: New heating system for the front door by March 2019.
- The stained glass wall in the church is cracking and thus far there is no easy fix present.
- Discussion took place regarding the playground. It was determined install could not happen until at least mid April due to frozen ground. It was also discussed that a concrete walkway will be placed leading the site.

Worship Commission (11/8/2018)

Present: Brad Blauvelt, Todd Phillipe, Jim Landers & Lorraine Ptacek

Diocesan & Parish Pastoral Priority Plan on Reconciliation: Brad is to call people agreed upon for giving Witness before masses on the Third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 15th/16th. Jim agreed to be a backup speaker if needed.

Goal: Increase participation in Adoration: Two dates were approved for having a Holy Half hour during Advent Adoration. Dec. 5th from 7:30-8pm, Jim will lead a Litany of Humility and Lorraine will provide prayerful music before and after, concluding with Benediction. On Jan. 2nd from 7:30-8pm, Brad will lead a Marion Litany and Lorraine will provide prayerful music before and after.

Goal: Increase participation in Music/Prayers at all the Masses and other Liturgies: Lorraine went ahead with the first once-a-month Kid's Ministry initiative at the 11am mass on the last Sunday of the month, Oct. 28th, including youth Music Ministers, Greeters, lectors and Gift Bearers. Practice for Kids' Music Ministry is typically at 9:15-9:45am on most Sundays, however a schedule of Christmas Program rehearsals will begin in Nov. on some Sundays from 9:30-10:15. The next once-a-month Kids' Ministry initiative will be Nov. 25th, Christ the King, at 11am mass.

Holy Day Mass Time Change: Holy days on the day will be at 8am and 6pm.

Advent Communal Penance Service Date: Dec. 17th, at 6pm

Check out the other dates and time changes for December/January on the Calendar online at the OLBH Website

We will begin saying the Prayer of St. Michael (being prepared by the Diocese) on the 1st Sunday of Advent: After the Closing Prayer, Fr. will invite the congregation to join in the Prayer of St. Michael, followed by the announcing and singing of the Closing Song.

Social Justice Commission (11/8/2018)

Present: Nikki Dyczek and Barb Landers

SJC is planning to offer the following events:

[Early January] Life Issues – Speed of Cultural Change – Attorney Jeff Hurd gave a presentation at the Cathedral after the White Mass which provided a timeline of how our culture has changed in respect to life issues.

[Late January] Legislative Report – We plan to provide a summary to the parish of the new legislative items that might have importance to Catholics. This will be timed to provide people with sufficient opportunity to voice their opinions to their Representatives.

[April] Sustainable Living – we plan to invite local ranchers who have made a practice of living sustainably.

Dioceses' SJC – plans for the annual Winter Workshop are underway. The topic will be Human Trafficking and the main guest speaker will be Becky Rassmussen. Becky is an advocate for human rights and gives presentations across the state. The date for this opportunity is still TBD, however, is being targeted for March.