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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 (11.14.2019)

Present: Cathleen Denekamp, Wade Rhodes, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon John Osnes, Lorinda Collings, Erik Haakedahl, Audrey Montileaux, Jane Abernathy, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with the Leadership Night commissions relating their minutes from earlier in the evening (found below). A reflection of how the administrative side builds faith took place. Answers included it aids in growing relationships, that it is not about me, it is nice to see others benefit from the work that is done behind the scenes and nice to see everything come together.

The building committee did not meet since the last Pastoral Council meeting. The sample for the front door will be picked up. It was noted that ventilation in the parish hall is necessary because it is very hot when there are many bodies. The building committee noted there is no make up air or duct work in the parish hall. It was asked whether the parish hall could have a unit placed similar to the one in the new St. Joseph's Hall and the answer was it would need 3-4 units which would cost \$20K plus, also there is no power to support the units. There was talk of creating an openable window. Erik will take the information back to the building committee.

The security system has been mostly installed. They are finishing up by waiting for a power source for the outside units and then all software will be reviewed and training will entail.

ByLaws three and four were review. Only very minor changes were made.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Evangelization Commission (11.14.2019)

Present: Joni Osnes and Jane Abernathy

The commission did not meet tonight because they met on October 3 and November 5 to make Christmas cards. On November 12 members packed care packages for seven post high school OLBH parishioners and two military parishioners. The members will meet again on December 3, 2019 to address the Christmas carols.

Administration Commission (11.14.19)

Present: Audrey Montileaux, LaChel McCollar, Erik Haakedahl, Abby Philbrick, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood
The Administration Commission reflected on how serving on the administration commission has enhanced the personal faith life of the members. Answers included seeing the benefit to parishioners and the joy the implementation of new infrastructure spreads joy and enhances evangelization. It also reinforces the idea that God will provide.

New Goals were discussed and include:

- Rectory basement finishing – five year goal
- Security camera system – in process
- New front doors – in process
- Sound system upgrades – in process
- New parish directory – one year goal

Worship Commission (11.14.2019)

Present: Lorraine Ptacek, Jim Landers

Old Business (Action Plans): Continue Youth Ministry presence at the last Sunday of the month, 11am mass, in Music Ministry, Greeters, and Lectors. Witness talk on Adoration to help increase participation on Wednesday nights. Find a speaker to give 3 min. witness at all three masses on Christ the King Sunday before Advent, to also encourage people to attend Adoration once during the Advent Season. Schedule a led prayer time (Holy Hour) during Advent to invite congregation to attend.

New Business:

Secure dates and help: Find someone to give the Witness talks on Christ the King weekend at all masses. Pick a date and find a group/individual to lead a prayer time (Holy Hour?) during one Wednesday night Adoration time during Advent-Jim Landers offered to possibly have his Rel. Ed. Class lead one Holy hour during Advent.

Increase participation in Music/Prayers at all the Masses and other Liturgies: Continue Youth participation in Ministries one weekend a month at 11am. Year of the Eucharist look at hymns. Working on two Christmas programs which will include Saturday program along with a Sunday program. Continue working on additional Music Ministers for Liturgies.

Stewardship Council (11.14.19)

Present: Deacon John Osnes, Andrew Boyd, Pam Freeman, Matt Gottlob

Guest: Diocesan Director of Stewardship - Shawna Hansen

The Stewardship Council discussed the preliminary setup and organization of next year's (2020) Stewardship Fair. It will be the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. The theme for this year's fair will be Jeopardy. Additionally, the council reviewed the response from the Office of Vocations about our parish's responses and discussion of the Lively Parish Self-Assessment. We proposed to table the discussion until March meeting. The council wrapped up by reviewing and revising the council's bylaws. In addition to minor changes, we acknowledged that we don't have a Vice Chair and will elect that position during the January meeting. In addition to the Vice Chair, discussions were had on adding a Pastoral Council Representative in addition to Deacon John.

Notes from Shawna Hansen and the Office of Stewardship included:

- 10 strengths
- Growth areas:
 - Reconciliation
 - Personal Prayer practices
 - Post Confirmation students
 - Childcare during the Advent and Lenten penance services
 - Ways to make prayer opportunities more attractive
 - Adults witness to teens regarding formation as life long learning

Catholic Outreach Commission did not meet