Leadership Night Report

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**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 (9.12.2019)**

**Present:** Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek,Cathleen Denekamp, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon John Osnes, Erik Haakedahl, Audrey Montileaux, Bob Weaver, Brad Blauvelt, Jane Abernathy, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with the Leadership Night commissions relating their minutes from earlier in the evening (found below). The year of the Eucharist was discussed and it was noted there are Wisdom Wednesdays focused on the Eucharist, an additional Eucharistic procession was added on Parish Feast Day, and it was noted there may be adoration added at the end of Mass times. The focus is to increase catechesis to reverse the cultural shift regarding the real presence and respect for why we have the Mass. The building committee gave an update from their meeting on 9/3/19. Erik related the parking lot is refurbished and striped. He noted Frank Boner will refurbish the cabinets in the parish hall kitchen. There is hail damage on the church roof. The baptismal font is having issues with sediment; currently the water is being tested and a timer will be added to reduce flow time. The basement refrigerator has been repaired and the coffee maker has been reinstalled in the St. Joseph’s Hall kitchen. Additional upcoming projects include painting the rectory and finishing the basement in the rectory. It was noted the front doors will be replaced and renderings were passed around. James Johns aided Fr. Andrzej in determining the locations and requirements for security cameras to be placed around the interior and exterior of the church; permission has been obtained from the Diocese of Rapid City to place a camera in the Church so the Altar can be monitored. The cameras will be motion activated and recording. The new meeting format for leadership night were discussed and it was determined that the start of the pastoral council meeting and share out will be pushed to 7:15 PM. It was noted a review of the bylaws of the pastoral council should be completed. The meeting closed with the prayer for the Year of the Eucharist.

**Evangelization Commission (9.19.2019)**

Present: Jane Abernathy, Debra Jensen, Eleanor Moriarty, Joni Osnes

The meeting opened with prayer. Joni welcomed new members Debra, Eleanor and Sheila and informed them that Audra West has resigned due to family commitments. Members agreed to read pages 1-14 of “Living as Missionary Disciples, a Resource for Evangelization,” produced by the committee on evangelization and catechesis UCCB; and to be ready to discuss at the next Leadership Night on October 10, 2019. We will do this to understand the role of evangelization and the Catholic Church. Members were given copies of the Evangelization Prayer and asked to pray it.

Goals for the 2019-2020 year were reviewed with discussion of how the tasks would be accomplished.

1) The group reviewed books to give Christmas Masses and chose “Still Amidst The Storm” by Conor Gallagher.

2) We will pack care packages for deployed military and for college freshmen at our November Leadership night.

3) Each Member will invite 10 parishioners to pray a nine day novena to invoke the Holy Spirit for the success of our Evangelization goals and tasks.

4) Sheila Keeler has offered to make cards and members will decide who we will send them to at our next Leadership night.

**Worship Commission (09.12.19)**

**Present:** Brad Blauvelt, Lorraine Ptacek, Todd Phillipe, visitor-Jane Abernathy

**Diocesan & Parish Pastoral Priority Plan on Year of the Eucharist:** Implement witness talk before masses during Advent-Brad brought Advent Witness Notes fro ‘how to’ for 3 minute talks; we discussed having the talks be on “Adoration” for the Year of the Eucharist. Add a NEW or COMMON Eucharistic Hymn to be taught and used at ALL masses during the Year of the Eucharist.

**Goal:** Increase participation in Adoration: Discussed having Taize Prayer at OLBH during some Wednesdays during Adoration with added help from Art & Environment; look at calendar to schedule dates that would fit with the Year and not conflict with Wisdom Weds. (3rd of the month). Also in keeping with the Year of the Eucharist, discussed adding some extra moments of Adoration after daily mass, maybe once a week, but that needed further discussion and to check with Fr.

**Goal:** Increase participation in Music/Prayers at all the Masses and other Liturgies: Practice for Kids’ Music Ministry at 9:15-9:45am on some Sundays. The once-a-month Kids/Youth Ministry to continue to start in October at preferably the last Sunday of the month at 11am mass. Learning/teaching a new Eucharistic Hymn at all masses, or other new music before all masses this year.

**Eucharistic Procession:** After having had our 2nd Eucharistic Procession on the Parish Feast Day, planning to have a special “Procession Folder” for Music Ministers so they have the format and chants and also the parts where they may have a choice of hymns.

**Homilies on the Eucharist?:** Ask Pastor and Deacons to notify music ministry if they are going to do any Homilies specifically speaking to Eucharist, so the music ministry may use a special ‘Eucharistic hymn’ at Offertory to carry the message and support that message.

**Administration Commission (9.12.19)**

**Present:** Audrey Montileaux (VP), LaChel McCollar, Bridgette Fode, Lorinda Collings, Erik Haakedahl, Abby Philbrick, Katie Harwood

We discussed old business from last year’s meetings & received updates from Eric on all the projects that were in the planning that are now complete or in the works.

Complete

Playground Equipment- old stuff was removed and new installed

Parking lot was resurfaced and striped

Pending

Placement of new doors on front of church- design has been decided and they should be installed within the next 6-8 weeks

Discussions for security cameras and system are still being held

Will replace basement doors with the old front doors when new ones come in

Options to improve sound system

Ordered new statues for nativity

Future goals will be discussed during the October meeting.

**Stewardship Council (9.12.19)**

**Present:** Deacon John Osnes, Andrew Boyd, Pam Freeman, John Kerstiens, Kodi Carlin, Joshua Weaver

The Stewardship Council primarily focused on completion of the Lively Faith Self-Assessment from the diocese. A pew survey on how active our parishioners are praying, teaching their children to pray, and how often they attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation were discussed and used to help fill out the assessment. The numbers were quite positive, though we feel that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be the area the diocese recommends improvement. The assessment will be submitted and hopefully returned by our next meeting. We briefly touched on organizing another Stewardship Fair during lent, with the agreement to do so. Outside of planning for that, we intent to review and revise our council’s outdated by-laws.

**Catholic Outreach Commission (9.12.19)**

**Present:** Nikki Dyczek, Bob Weaver, Barb Landers

Social Justice Committee has now changed the name to Catholic Outreach in order to better represent the goals and objectives of this committee and all of its subcommittees. We discussed goals and are finalizing a list. Current proposed goals are as follows:

Bring together all Catholic Outreach subcommittees at least twice a year in an effort to ensure continuity, shared efforts, and expanded support for all involved. Additionally, monthly Catholic Social Teachings special topic items for the bulletin. Lastly, ensuring a diocesan connection with respect to our efforts.

Current projects being brought forth from the committee are:

Sister Parish Project - an ongoing prayer commitment from OLBH for our sister parishes in their efforts to combat the drug epidemic being faced. We will be providing a bulletin announcement, prayer cards, and gathering names of parishioners who are willing to commit concrete efforts in prayer, fasting, adoration, etc, for the benefit of our Sister Parishes. In addition, subcommittee participation in leadership night - we will be contacting the leaders of the various subcommittees to invite and encourage attendance at leadership night to ensure ongoing contact and allow for shared goals and achievements.