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Evangelization Commission

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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 (9.10.2020)

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Cathleen Denekamp, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Kathy Van Asma, Lorinda Collings, Brad Blauvelt, Audrey Montileaux, Bob Weaver, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with the Leadership Night commissions relating their minutes from earlier in the evening. The Discipleship commission noted that they have their next meeting scheduled on October 26, 2020. It was noted that the Parish Council will continue to meet throughout the year to keep looking at the life of the parish. Fr. Andrzej noted he spoke to the staff and we will eliminate Mass reservations. We did this on a trial basis and not much changed. We will continue to use printed worship aids. The hope is to have the books back in the pews by the First Sunday in Advent. The rectory roof will be replaced shortly, and the basement is currently being finished. There are no other large building and grounds projects happening currently. Future projects depending on financing include addressing the electrical panel that is currently at max capacity. Lorinda Collings gave a finance report and noted that both income and expenses are all under budget at this time. She noted contributions are always down in July. Joni Osnes announced she will be stepping down as adult faith formation coordinator as of December 31. We are actively looking for someone to fill her role.

Evangelization Commission (9.10.2020)

Present: Sheila Keeler, Richard Long, Joni Osnes **Guest:** Bernie Keeler

The Evangelization Commission opened with prayer. Joni Osnes introduced members to Bernie Keeler. The group discussed the history, mission, and goals of the commission to provide information to him. The commission members agreed to begin monthly after the pandemic restrictions. The members will read the evangelization pamphlet by Fr. Richter and the book by the USCCB and we will discuss that information for the first ten minutes of the next meeting. Jane Abernathy resigned her position on the Pastoral Council; we will determine who will fill that role at the next meeting. It was noted that there are two new members, Katelynn Rothschild and Jessica Bergeleen, they were unable to attend due to prior commitments. Lastly, it was noted the handmade Christmas cards are finished. An insert will provide Mass times during Advent and Christmas. The cards will be hand addressed and will be sent early in Advent. Thank you to Sheila Keeler and Cathy Long for the beautiful cards.

Administration Commission (9.10.2020)

Present: Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood, Bridgette Fode, Audrey Montileaux

The meeting opened with a prayer. Upcoming projects were discussed including kneeler pad replacement as soon as this summer, a new parish directory, and in three years replacing the sound system. We also discussed that for the last two years the Diocesan Annual Appeal has decreased in OLBH parishioner participation along with the Catholic Social Services Annual appeal. We discussed ways we can encourage participation and giving including weekly bulletin blips and possible videos.

Social Justice Commission (9.10.2020)

Present: Robert Weaver, Kathy VanAsma, Barb Landers

The meeting opened with prayer. Our discussion revolved around lack of follow through. We have a lot of ideas but do not act. Then we discussed each of the areas in Catholic Outreach including that we need a Right to Life person or group. We discussed inviting each outreach organization to join us at meetings so we can serve them. We then addressed ideas to support the Piedmont Valley Food Pantry and the Black Hills Pregnancy Center.

Worship Commission (9.10.2020)

Present: Brad Blauvelt, Lorraine Ptacek

Old Business: Quick overview of goals.

New Business: Question as to whether to continue to meet on Leadership Nights: Our goals have to do with participation, so we felt we are extremely limited due to the Pandemic as to what we can plan. We are not opposed to meeting, as it is good to keep updated as to all the Commissions and their work. Also, Lorraine could share some literature from NPM on singing and Worship during the Pandemic. However, email & phone conferencing when needed would also work-will check with the other members not present. Some members will not come to meetings due to viable concerns about the virus; our Commission will adhere to mask wearing & Social Distancing, esp. in the indoor meeting environment. New members are always encouraged as well. Meeting before Advent/Christmas would be the next most profitable time to plan.

Brainstorm of what we CAN do during the Pandemic: Wednesday night Adoration-Jim Landers had offered to have his Rel. Ed. Class lead a Holy Hour-could be done during Advent, with Social Distancing in place. Possibly planning a 'sing along' via Zoom for Music Ministers & send literature about the precautions of singing during the Pandemic and creative ideas to keep engaged in Ministry. Now that we have reincorporated some of our Worship Ministries at the Liturgies, continue to think of ways to keep esp. Music Ministers engaged.