

# **St. Gregory the Great Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2016**

PRESENT: Patti Penkalski, Donna Higgins, Randy Green, Marge Fischer, Tom Molinski, Barb Wilk, Michelle Konkel, Marge Casey, Tricia Boyle, Mike Esser and Barb Freuck

Meeting started at 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer: Year of Mercy Prayer

Approval of September meeting minutes as amended.

**Father Tom's Time:** Fr. Tom on vacation.

Patti Penkalski presented paperwork on Building Signage at the request of Fr. Tom. Discussion ensued regarding the different areas around the parish buildings that could use signs for visitors and new parishioners. Perhaps ask people who are registering as new families. Do we want signs in Spanish also? A suggestion for funerals to maybe hand out info sheet for handicapped entrances and rest room locations. Also, maybe we should have a sheet to show the church, parking lot, school, parish office, etc. to help visitors navigate the property. Fr. Tom requested that council members think about the need for the signs and bring suggestions to the November council meeting.

**Administrative Update:** Patti Penkalski

Patti stated that there was no financial report this month because the audit is still being worked on. Also, the Financial Council did not meet on October 11<sup>th</sup> and the Stewardship Commission will be meeting next week and the report will be presented at the November Pastoral Council meeting, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Liturgy and Sacrament Report:** Barb Freuck

The 3-Minute catechesis is being presented every Saturday/Sunday Mass with the announcements (in an abbreviated form) and stated that the full article is in the bulletin.

The interior of the church has been decorated for the Fall season. Fr. Tom did the overseeing of the decorating in Cindy's absence. Leaves will continue to be added periodically to the altar decorations as the season progresses.

And, as always, Cindy continues to advertise in the bulletin for Eucharistic ministers, lectors and acolytes. Worship and Sacraments will assist in the serving at Hospitality Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Christian Formation:** Michelle Konkel

Michelle reported that Cindy Bremeier will be out for now as staff member overseeing the Confirmation program and that Jo Therese Fahres will help out for now until Cindy returns from medical leave. Also, Gail DeFrancisco is now the staff member overseeing the Child Ministry Programs.

**Charity and Justice:** Barb Wilk

The In Reach/Out Reach (IR/OR) will collect the baby shower items on the weekend of October 22/23. This will be donated to the Women's Care Center to help at risk mothers and their newborns.

SVDP continues to serve record numbers of clients at their food pantry weekends. They are gearing up for their largest food collection which will be the second and third weekends of November. Bags will be distributed on the first weekend of November after all Masses. There are a good number of volunteers to help with the distribution of food on the food pantry weekends.

St. Ben's Meal continues as part of our ministry. Parishioners continue to be generous with donations and bakery for our date of serving, which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Finance:** Tom Molinski & Marge Casey

No financial report this month due to the meeting not happening before this council meeting. Will report next month.

**Pastoral Care:** Tricia Boyle

There isn't really anything for Pastoral Care. Just that the Remembrance Mass for our parishioners who have passed away will be on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the 4 P.M. Mass. Invitations have been sent to the families of all of those who have passed away this year.

**Hospitality and Community Life:** Randy Green

First Hospitality Sunday is this upcoming weekend, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Worship and Sacraments have volunteered to help with serving this month.

Home and School will have their annual Boo Bash Party on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

Boy Scouts will have one more fish fry on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Education:** Yolande Lasky

Yolande Lasky was not present.

Information regarding the upcoming accreditation visit was provided. The School Goals, Self Study Process and National Standard Benchmarks were presented by Amy Schlegel. It was noted that the school goals received direction from the results of the spring parent survey. In addition, the Commission members received a survey regarding the School Commission. This information will be returned to the principal and be a part of the accreditation process.

A school calendar and staffing information was distributed. A number of aides were reassigned this year. There were no applications for the position of Spanish teacher in our school. As a result, the school has contracted with an agency to provide a Spanish teacher one day per week.

A contract has been signed for the current school year. Efforts will once again be made next year to employ our own Spanish teacher. Staffing is in line with the personnel identified in the 2016-17 budget.

School enrollment was distributed. There are currently 264 students (9-20-2016). The budget is based on 265 students.

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2016.

**Stewardship:** Mike Esser

Meeting is scheduled for next week; therefore, no report this month.

**Closing Notes:**

Deanery Meeting, October 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Alphonsus Parish from 7-9 P.M. Mike Esser and Patty Penkalski will attend as our parish representatives.

Next meeting will be November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. in the Great Room. Tricia Boyle will be responsible for the November prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Esser.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:10 P.M.