

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2016

Meeting started at 7:00 pm

Present: Father Tom, Mike Esser, Margaret Casey, Barbara Freuck, Jim, Samz, Brian Zydzik, Beth O'Connor, Marge Fischer, Randy Green, Tricia Boyle

Approval of the March meeting minutes as amended.

FATHER Tom's Time:

- There will be a special blessing for Jo Therese Fahres on 05/15/2016 after the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses
- Confirmation will be held on 05/22/2016 for our 20 candidates. Archbishop Listecky will preside.
- Graduation Mass will be held on 06/01/2016 at the 8:30 Mass with breakfast after for all school children along with the graduates. An Evening Graduation Ceremony/Prayer service will also be held.
- Father Tom will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his Ordination on 06/05/2016 after 10:00 Mass
- Father Feliciano will be here over Labor Day this year and stay for the Parish festival.
- Due to deterioration of the door structure on 63rd St, doors will be redone
- 3 nominees for Pastoral Council up to date. Last year's nominees (13) will also be reviewed.
- Louise Perzinski had her 90th Birthday and donations were given to SVDP in her honor.
- Discernment meeting is in May

FINANCE: Brian Zydzik/Margaret Casey

- Budget meeting held on 04/06/2016 for discussion of 2016-2017 Budget Assumptions
- 256 Enrollment. Should hit projected enrollment.
- Reduced one FT teacher and added 1.5 additional classroom aides
- 2.5% Health Insurance increase
- Elimination of two staff positions and staff salaries frozen
- Parishioners get a report on the new budget in October

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS: Barbara Freuck

- Everything went well during Holy Week. The flowers looked very nice and all of the program booklets and the lighted candles worked well for the various services.
- The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) brochures are now located in the kiosks around the church. People are taking them as they have been replenished a couple of times already.
- The Arts & Environment committee will have their meeting on Wednesday April 20th at 6:00 pm regarding critiquing the Easter decorations and setting up the timetable for the spring planting.
- The Liturgy Commission will have its next meeting on Sunday May 15th at 11:00 following the 10:00 am Mass in the library.
- Cindy continues to advertise in the bulletin for more greeters, readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Training continues as more people are added to the list of ministers.

CHARITY & JUSTICE: Jim Samz

- St. Vincent De Paul received their official approval for Feeding America and now are able to offer fresh foods to clients who visit the pantry. You can read more about the action of this month in the bulletin. Very thorough in it's update.
- IR/OR committee is meeting to plan the upcoming outreach efforts/projects for the new year.

PASTORAL CARE: Tricia Boyle

- We continue to train new bereavement ministers for our funerals at St. Greg's. They provide a vital role in supporting the families on these days.
- An evening of reflection is planned for May 18th at 6:30 pm for all ministers to the homebound or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry.

HOSPITALITY AND COMMUNITY LIFE: Randy Green

- Looking for help with groups in the fall
- 04/30/2016 – Spaghetti Dinner
- 05/06/2016 - Shrimp Dinner
- Eagle Scout rebuilt play area of the playground
- Christian Women profited from their spring Rummage Sale
- Athletics, Girls, Soccer & Open Gym

EDUCATION: Beth O' Connor

- **School Commission Meeting held in March. Prayer was led by Father Tom. Review of February School Commission minutes.**
- **There will be a change in the graduation ceremony this year. The evening graduation ceremony will no longer be a mass, but a prayer service attached to a graduation ceremony. An all school mass will be held graduation morning to honor the graduates. Discussion took place on how this reflects our Catholic identity.**
- **A new teacher contract with updated language has become available from the Archdiocese.**
- **The Festival Committee is pushing for increased volunteerism during the festival.**
- **The parent survey will be submitted to a pilot group with feedback offered before the survey is given school-wide.**
- **Art show April 23-25th. The Ice Cream Social will take place during the Art Show on April 25th.**

STEWARDSHIP: Mike Esser

- **Attended a seminar on Hospitality – “All Are Welcome”.**
- **Signage especially at the entrances to church discussed.**
- **Instructions for positions during Mass would be helpful in the Missalettes.**
- **Other information that would be helpful to parishioners: Sacramental Info, Mass Times, Pictures, Facility Map ex: (you are here X)**
- **Guest announcers referring to location of information in Missalettes.**
- **Archdiocese District Council needs 2 new representatives. They want representation from the parishes. 1 for one year term and 1 for two year term. Meetings held quarterly. Required due to corporation/state laws.**

Next Meeting May 17th at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

May 17th 2016

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATES

Justice and Charity:

The IR/OR committee has solidified their 2016-2017 outreach calendar. We are excited to share more details about upcoming projects in the next month or so.

SVDP is busy preparing for their “Item of the Week” project for this summer. This helps to stock the pantry of items that are especially needed during the months ahead.

Pastoral Care:

The last few months have seen the passing of some dearly dedicated members of our parish – many of them were charter members. Please keep all of our elder parishioners in your prayers.

Wednesday May 18th we will have an evening of reflection for our pastoral care ministers of St. Greg’s. We also invite anyone NEW who may like to learn more about this ministry to join us. We will meet in the chapel at 6:30 pm for opening prayer, followed by dessert and time for discussion /reflection.