

## **ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 13, 2016**

**PRESENT: Father Tom, Patti Penkalski, Mike Esser, Margaret Casey, Barb Freuck, Randy Green, Yolande Lasky, Tom Molinski and Tricia Boyle**

**Meeting started at 7:00 pm**

**Opening Prayer: Blessing of Pastoral Council by Father Tom**

**Approval of June meeting minutes as amended.**

**FATHER TOM'S TIME: Father Tom**

- **Father Tom met with Father Bill Burkert , Pastor at our Lady of Lourdes and discussed future plans for parishes when he retires in June of 2017. Both parishes have 1300 families. 51 funerals at St. Greg's and 47 at OLOL. Parishes have a similar number of events.**
- **Father Tom and Father Bill came up with suggestions for consideration by the Priest Placement Board. 1) Let OLOL have a Pastoral Director who is a Lay person and Father Bill will continue on as assisting Priest. 2) Father Tom will be the supervising Pastor and 3) Assign a priest to OLOL who would eventually take over both parishes.**
- **The Priest Placement Board will meet with Father Bill and Pastoral Council by the end of this year. Mary Osep, Director of Christian Formation will also be retiring at the end of the year from OLOL.**
- **Collaborative Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this year between the parishes at OLOL.**
- **St. Greg's is honored to have two Distinguished Catholic Leaders who will be receiving Vatican 2 Awards this year. Deacon Jim Banach for Service in Ecumenism, and Miguel Mendez for Service to the Missions. Awards will be presented on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St John's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.**
- **On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> a Pot Luck will begin the Communion Program.**
- **Praise Leader Update for August: 2016 Fall Deanery meeting will be held on Wednesday October 12, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Ministry Center in Greendale. Two Pastoral Council members to attend. This meeting is held two times per year at the Direction of the Archdiocese.**
- **CFAR Center looks at Demographics #'s & stats.**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE: Patti Penkalski**

- Year- end financials are in line. \$20,000 surplus. Choice Audit is extended. In a good place at this time.

#### **LITURGY AND SACRAMENT REPORT: Barb Freuck**

- We will start publishing the Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis starting September 18<sup>th</sup>. A portion of the article will be shared at the time of the announcements before the start of Mass and the complete article will be published in the bulletin each week and also on the website. These Three Minute Liturgical Catechesis articles will continue for 17 weeks (which means they will end just before the beginning of Lent). These Liturgical Minutes will only be shared during Ordinary Times—skipping Advent and Christmas.
- Cindy Bremeier also continues to advertise in the bulleting for acolytes (both youth and adult) as well as for lectors and Eucharistic ministers.
- People made some wonderful comments about the outdoor Mass which was celebrated in honor of our patron saint, St. Gregory the Great, at the parish festival on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- The next item on the agenda for the Arts and Environment committee is the fall removal of the flowers. The date has not been picked yet since it is determined by the weather in fall. It will probably happen in the middle of October (hoping for Indian summer to occur).
- The date of the next Arts & Environment committee meeting has not been decided yet, but it usually happens about the middle of October so that the plans for Advent can be discussed and firmed up. Will pass along the date of the next Arts & Environment meeting when it gets scheduled.

#### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Michelle Konkel**

- There is a new replacement for religious education director: Gail De Francisco.
- Cindy Bremeier is directing confirmation. She is currently interviewing candidates and the programs will start this September.

#### **CHARITY AND JUSTICE: Barb Wilk**

- In Reach Out Reach to conduct their collection for homeless veterans the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. Information was in the bulletin.

- September is also Vincentian Month for the St. Vincent De Paul Ministry. An update of their great work will be in the Bulletin weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.
- In Reach Out Reach will sponsor a baby shower for the Women's Care Center in October, which is Respect Life Month. The list of items will be published in the bulletin and Michelle Zakula will speak at all Masses September 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the Baby Shower.

**FINANCE:** Marge Casey and Tom Molinski

**PASTORAL CARE:** Tricia Boyle

- Preparations have begun for our annual Mas of Remembrance – honoring all those from St. Greg's who have passed away this year.
- Visitations to the sick and homebound continues this year and we have added one new communion minister.

**HOSPITALITY AND COMMUNITY LIFE:** Randy Green

- Recommend clipping out the list for November collection from the Bulletin as well as a reminder to check the expiration dates when contributing items for the food pantry.
- Buying meat, bread, eggs and milk from Feeding America, helps put a complete meal together with healthy food choices.
- St. Greg's SVDP does more than just hand out food. Volunteers are doing a lot of work in purchasing items from Feeding America to provide the best nutrition for those in need.
- Shopping List helps with pantry item needs.
- "Good News" must share in November
- Commission sign up for Hospitality Sunday

**EDUCATION:** Yolande Lasky

- Handout was given on St. Gregory the Great Parish School and Education focus: "We are positive people learning, living, and growing in Christ through faith and service".
- Faith in real-life formation, Faith in academic excellence, Faith in our school and Faith in our investment.
- Archdiocese offers an amount each year for materials (Portal System).
- In line with student budget and numbers. 263 enrolled.
- Reduced K4 & K 5 grade classes. Less students = Less staff. One teacher each grade.

**STEWARDSHIP: Mike Esser**

- **Remind your commissions to notify Parish of any “great stories” when they occur so we can Talk/Share the Good News.**
- **Discern Council Leadership**
  - Chairperson: Mike Esser will hold the position for another year.**
  - Vice- Chairperson: Margaret Casey will also serve again**
  - Secretary: Barb Freuck**
  - Trustees: Donna Higgins**  
**Marge Fischer**

**Closing Notes: Next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Great Room**

**Closing Prayer: Year of Mercy Prayer**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm**