

St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Church Narthex

Members in attendance: Fr. Michael, Ruth Adamczyk, Marilyn Butler, , Ellie Hammond, Bill Greinke, Bob Mitchell, and Jean Weaver. Also, in attendance was Trustee, Sharon Gierahn.

Excused: Dennis Collins, Dave Eberle and Pat Rossman

The opening prayer was led by Father Michael at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bill Greinke to accept the February 14, 2023 minutes as read and it was seconded by Marilyn Butler with suggested changes from Jean.

Pastor's Report:

Lent: We're looking at a collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Building and Grounds along with CHISC had a meeting with Michael Laird from the Archdioceses who gives advice on building projects.

Suzanne and Father have worked on putting together some figures that he can present at the Siena meeting on March 24th . Father, as a member of the Board of Trustees, will present our case at the 10% level for our subsidy fee for the next fiscal year (2023-2024). This year's subsidy fee is already set for 15% and cannot be changed. Our fiscal year runs the same as the Archdiocese, July 1st through June 30th. With figures that were estimated for next, year we are looking at a \$69k deficit. Father stated that he plans to have a serious discussion with his fellow priests in the city at the next Deanery meeting regarding the elimination of the 15 – 20% clause in the subsidy agreement and to make it a straight 10%. Churches that are running in a deficit cannot continue with the way this is going. The next Deanery meeting is also scheduled for the 24th so Father will wait for notification regarding the Board of Trustees meeting. Hopefully, the BOT will be after the Deanery meeting and more of a united front can be shown. A discussion followed.

The subject of Ash Wednesday was discussed regarding the parish obligation to the students of the school. Kristen Dahlgren from Siena made arrangements with a retired priest to come and give ashes to the students even though the school had the opportunity to have the children attend the noon prayer service to receive ashes. A very lengthy discussion followed in which it was decided that a meeting of the PPC & Fr. Michael be sought with the school principal and Ms. Dahlgren to discuss different avenues that can improve school and parish relations. Father will get in touch with them both to organize such a meeting.

Bulletin Updates: Bill reviewed the reasons why this communication has started. Most of the parish does not realize all that the PPC does and what happens behind the scenes. Along with posting the minutes on our website this quarterly update will give a brief synopsis of what we are working on. The latest Update was reviewed, discussed and approved with changes.

Siena School Meeting Review: Comments made by those in attendance indicated that, while the meeting had value, that many of the answers to the questions posed were rote and obtrusive. Discussion ensued regarding the need for and value of the Siena System and how we might work

within the system to address concerns about formation and evangelization. Concerns were discussed about the ageing of the parish and the need for younger volunteers.

Cascia Hall Update: Father Michael, Myra Fox and members she has recruited for the CHISC met with Michael Laird, Director of Missionary Planning and Leadership, from the Archdiocese to assist us with the process of assessing Cascia Hall options. Mr. Laird recommended that this endeavor requires bi-weekly meetings of key players to report & share findings, discuss further needs, and assess progress. He noted that we have a long way to go and many involved & diverse details to develop and consider. Myra has already determined several such details impacting any usage changes to the property from Caledonia's Masterplan, ordinances and the WIDOT regarding traffic on Hwy 32. It was suggested to find some engineering students who might assist us. Dan Schrank has offered to see who may be available and supervise any such activity. Mr. Laird has offered to assist in any townhall meetings that we may have in the future. It was emphasized that we don't need to make a decision quickly; we need to make the right decision.

PPC Nomination Speakers: I have listed below the volunteers to speak at the masses. There will be no speaker at the 4:45 mass on Saturday, April 22 as that is First Communion.

Sunday, April 23:
8:00a – Dave E. (Myra back-up)
10:30a – Bill
Saturday, April 29:
4:45p – Jean
Sunday, April 30
8:00a – Jean
10:30a - Bill

Liaison Reports:

School: They will be meeting next week.

Finance: The PFC is working on the budget for the next fiscal year.

Stewardship: The Event Planning committee is trying to arrange a meeting with all of the Chairpersons from the other committees to make a calendar of events. Babysitting will be offered but 1 adult is needed to oversee the sitting service volunteers which can be of any age. It was also discussed to have a movie night in the near future. Also, the Welcoming Committee is putting together a "Welcome" packet for any new member of St. Rita. From the recent "Time, Talent and Treasure" effort they have had 40 people sign-up to work on different committees.

Prayer and Worship: The final steps are being worked on for Holy Week and Easter. There was a discussion if only 1 mass should be offered on Easter Sunday. It was decided to keep the mass schedule as is for Sunday. Also, the Cup will be offered again at mass starting on Holy Thursday. A list of guidelines will be put into the bulletin regarding your well-being if you should receive the Cup or not.

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman

Secretary

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