

PPC Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Fr. Rolo Castillo, Libby Hobbs, Janine Blanchet, Marge March, Maria Moore, Pam Harvey, Peggy Bischof, Joe Sprangel, Sara Meade, Eric Dixon, Tracy Le, Annabelle Mastrandea, Lee Bares and Gail Noonan

Not present: Mason Hulen, Julie Chappell

Approval of Minutes: Libby Hobbs asked if there were any corrections to the meeting minutes from January. Maria Moore indicated her name was misspelled, per Gail correction will be made prior to publication. Motion to approve the minutes was offered by Lee Bares and seconded by (unable to hear). All were in favor and minutes were approved with correction.

Spiritual Formation: Annabelle Mastrandea presented a reflection on the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 6 V17-26. The Beatitudes were given to the Disciples in this reading. Much discussion followed the proclamation. Tracy then led us in **opening prayer**.

Building Update: Fr, Rolo went by the property last week and was able to take quite a few pictures which he posted on Facebook. The steel structure is up! We will have an open house on March 10th beginning at 4:30, with evening prayer at 5:00, followed by some refreshments and touring the property if conditions permit. We will have access until sundown. Gail questioned if there were any bids on the current property and Fr. Rolo indicated there are not. Building Committee has not met recently as most of their work is done.

Parish Volunteer Recognition Update: Certificates were passed around for signatures as the meeting began. They will be framed when all signatures are received. Presenters volunteered and were assigned to individuals receiving certificates. It is the presenter's responsibility to make sure the person will be at the Mardi Gras dinner on March 5th. If not, when will they be available and at which Mass after March 5th?

Parish Council Goals Committee Updates:

Healing and Reconciliation, Joe Sprangel

- Joe indicated two committee members are researching scripture verses or images related to mercy that they can put on the Facebook Mercy site along with a short blurb.
- Joe and committee will make a sheet for insert into the bulletin indicating what they would like to focus on each week during Lent. They would ask things like "think about a time mercy was shown on you, reflect on that and try to show mercy on someone else this week".
- Fr. Rolo indicated that the Reconciliation Service scripture reading is up to the priest presiding that night, so recommendations for a specific reading would be difficult to request.
- Joe asked if Sara Meade might be able to write a prayer on mercy that can be passed out and said at Mardi Gras along with some words from his group. Sara agreed.
- Joe has a meeting with Jeanne Branch when she returns from Haiti regarding the work she is doing and plans she has for the Lenten program.

Proclaim the Joy of our Catholic Identity, Marge March

- Marge indicated they have changed their thought process regarding this subject moving forward. They have decided that they will not be doing videos asking people what their joy is about their Catholic identity.

- In lieu of videos they came up with some new ideas. They have researched making decals, hats, sweatshirts, buttons and other items that can be worn, put on cars, etc. getting our name and joy out in the public. She passed around some sample layouts with our church name, the words *Catholic* and *Joy* in different styles and asked for the council's input as to whether it is felt this would be a good idea. The desire is that these items might urge people to "come home" to the joy we have here at St. John the Evangelist's church.
- Fr. Rolo asked how they plan to determine cost effectiveness and success when all is done. Eric indicated he has already researched costs and the easiest way to go about getting items made. The unknown is how many in the parish would opt to purchase an item. It was determined that no profit should be made.
- Fr. Rolo also indicated that Parish Council has money. Whatever Parish Council decides to use that money on is up to Parish Council.
- Eric said a website can be made at the venue he researched where individuals can purchase directly with no out-of-pocket expense to St. John the Evangelist's church.
- Eric mentioned a Twitter page since kids don't tend to use Facebook. However, we are somewhat limited by the diocese on what we can do as far as Twitter, Instagram and other social media that they *do* use. He would like to see a joyful daily bible verse that may be able to go out that way. Combining with the Mercy committee was not well received and decided against. The younger council members in the group felt that Twitter may not be a good fit for what is wanted to be accomplished.
- It was requested the committee formulate a plan on who they want to reach, prioritize what group they want to reach first (they indicated they had three in mind), how they want to go about it, and how they will measure the results, costs, etc.

Open Communications, Gail Noonan

- Open Communication committee met Sunday Feb 10th and had two recommendations for the New Registration packet. First, exactly how, step by step, to get into our website. One detailed page to be added to the packet that would make sense to the least computer-adept person. Second, it was felt that the mission statement should be in it. Fr. Rolo said it's already in the bulletin, so Gail asked that whoever is doing registration that weekend, to please pick up several bulletins to go into the packet for the new family. If no registrations, put the bulletins picked up back in the vestibule.
- Gail passed around index cards asking for ideas for the "Did You Know?" paragraph for the bulletin that was discussed at the last Parish Council meeting. It was indicated at that meeting that everyone on Parish Council would be asked for input for this to be successful.
- Fr. Rolo indicated he did not know enough about "Did You Know" and wants a proposal before anything is done. Gail said she will send him a proposal.
- Ministry meetings are being held with ministry heads. Getting videos has been somewhat of a challenge, but committee members are continuing to work toward that goal.
- Several additional meetings should have been completed or at least scheduled by the March PPC meeting.

Fr. Rolo indicated the committee heads are looking to him for acceptance on what they've come up with at the PPC meeting, and this is not how it is to be done. He requests that whenever the committees meet they send him a recap of the meeting so he is not blindsided at the PPC meeting. He also wants proposals on any new items indicating what the item is, how it will accomplish that committee's goal(s) and cost effectiveness, if any, and how they expect to determine success. He then will be able to make recommendations, or approve requests if needed.

New Business

Leadership Roundtable follow up: We met January 19th. It was a good gathering and lots of good information came out of it. It was asked if anyone took minutes. Gail said she asked if she needed to take minutes and was told no because it was not a Parish Council meeting, it was a Leadership Roundtable meeting. Fr. Rolo asked her to inquire of the person that said no as to whether any minutes were taken.

Upcoming Parish Council Vacancies: Timeline and processes for seeking people to fill vacancies. Mason & Wendi were leading this effort. Wendi has left and Mason is in Haiti. It was asked if anyone could help Mason with this. Eric asked what responsibilities are and volunteered to help. Responsibilities include looking at calendar, timeline, and seeking nominations from the ambo two weekends prior to voting. Helping to lead the discernment retreat is also a part of leading this. There is a calendar to refer to for timeline info.

New Parishioner Registration

February 23/24

5:00 pm –Marge, Sara

8:30 am – Gail, Julie

11:30 am –Eric, Lee

March 23/24

5:00 pm – Peggy, Janine

8:30 am – Pam, Joe

11:30 am – Eric, Lee

Janine questioned why people cannot go to the Parish Office to register. Fr. Rolo said it was in order to start a relationship and connection between new people and a Parish Council member. If the people cannot be at St. John the Evangelist on the standard weekend for registration, they can register at any time by asking an Usher who will lead them to a Parish Council member for registration.

The pictures taken are used to add to the parish website for a future parish directory. It is requested that pictures are taken in landscape format vs portrait format as that way fits the website nicely.

Spiritual Formation for March – Sara

Closing Prayer for March – Gail

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

Closing Prayer – Lee

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm by Libby Hobbs

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Noonan, Secretary

St. John the Evangelist Parish Pastoral Council