Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Provisional Combined Pastoral Council

March 26, 2018 6:30 p.m. PAC, St, Dominic Parish

Present: Fr. Matthew Widder, Fr. Gideon Buya, Corrine Backer, Vern Baus, Brad Bulkow, Jeanne Bitkers, Tom Clarke, Pat Dinolfo, Tom Dinolfo, Rhonda Fouts, Laura Graney, Mary Greeneway, Don Holmes, Vince Karls, Jane Kautzer, Joe Leonhard, Kate Nienhuis, Kevin O'Brien, Mary Petrie, Jeremy Rauwerdink, Don Schumacher, Helen Stanskas and Donna Wendlandt.

Martha Cerda-Rios, Michele Konrad, Peggy Kress, Steve Scharrer, and Maureen Stoelb were excused from the meeting.

Co-Chair Don Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming board members and led the council in reciting the council's mission statement.

Pat introduced Rosa Maria Flores as a new Hispanic Committee representative.

Opening Prayer: Kate Nienhuis led the council in the opening prayer.

Presentation: Fr. Widder reviewed the notes from the Town Hall Meeting on February 6th. He was impressed with the number of parishioners that attended. Mark Kemeter met with the office staff and some parishioners and was encouraged by the long gradual process. Mark challenged us to develop a catch phrase or slogan. Communication was mentioned as a continued need. Also, a need to simplify the committee structure so it is easier to understand.

Some parishioners asked how to get involved. Also heard was continue to improve the web site and drive parishioners to view the site.

St. Dominic's offers an after mass coffee the first Sunday of the month with committee educational materials and volunteers that can answer questions and encourage people to join and volunteer. The personal touch works well and we may want to have this at all three parishes.

Fr. suggested he form a team to decipher how to implement the suggestions from the Town Hall Meeting.

Consent Agenda: Don asked if any members had corrections, questions or would like an item pulled from the agenda.

Changes needed in the January 22nd minutes are: Change the date from February 6th to 26th for Archbishop Listecki's Lenten Lunch, Fr. Buya will visit Seton 5th through 8th grade students this semester and Fr. Matthew will visit K-4th, add Archbishop to Archbishop Listecki's name, and change the time to 6:30 for the SNCP update.

Laura Graney (Rauwerdink) made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Pastoral Report: Fr. Matthew reported that the Lenten Luncheon had an excellent response. The Archbishop was very pleased and suggested that we plan the event again in 2019. Bishop Sheurman is the Vicar of our deanery. He reviewed Fr. Matthew's parish report.

Three applicants will be interviewed in the coming week for the Youth Minister position.

Fr. encouraged council members to attend the Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays from noon to 9 p.m. at St. Clement Parish. It is perfect time with our Lord in silent prayer.

Fr. Buya reported that the February 17th Valentine Dinner and Dance went very well. The Hispanic Community is planning a Cinco de Mayo event.

Old Business:

Pat explained that the council would now hold a written vote whether to accept or reject moving ahead to form the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council. Ballots were distributed to all council members. Mary Petrie will count the ballots because she was not authorized to vote as a staff member.

Laura Graney (Rauwerdink) moved to formally form the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council. Motion approved. Fr. Matthew announced the voting results, 21 yes votes, no no's to form the Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council.

Laura Graney (Rauwerdink) moved to accept the Appendix as put forth by the Provisional Combined Parish Council Ad Hoc Committee. Motion approved.

The Appendix can be amended by the council over a two meeting period.

Pat reminded council members of the Lenten Supper commitments. All are invited, stay for Mass.

Pat congratulated Jeremy and his wife on the birth of their fourth child, Grant Andrew.

New Business: Pat distributed a council member interest survey regarding continued service as a council member. The goal is to have three classes, 2019, 2020 and 2021 with four council members retiring during the class year. Don Holmes will review the completed forms and chair the discernment committee of six people, two from each parish.

Kate announced a family event planned for April 29th, 7 p.m., at St. Dominic's PAC. Former NFL Quarterback, Chris Greisen will speak about "A Football Player's Journey to the Catholic Faith".

Pat asked that we all keep thinking about a slogan.

Closing Prayer: Rhonda Fouts led the council in the closing prayer.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wendlandt, Recording Secretary.