

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
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April 23, 2018 6:30 p.m.
St. Aquinas, St. Dominic Parish

Present: Fr. Matthew Widder, Fr. Gideon Buya, Corrine Baker, Vern Baus, Jeanne Bitkers, Brad Bulkow, Tom Clarke, Pat Dinolfo, Tom Dinolfo, Rosa Flores, Rhonda Fouts, Laura Graney, Mary Greeneway, Don Holmes, Vince Karls, Jane Kautzer, Michele Konrad, Peggy Kress, Joe Leonard, Kate Nienhuis, Mary Petrie, Jeremy Rauwerdink, Steve Scharrer, Don Schumacher, Helen Stanskas, Maureen Stoelb and Donna Wendlandt.

Kevin O'Brien was excused.

Co-Chair Don Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming council members, the mission statement was stated by all.

Opening Prayer: by Steve Scharrer.

Presentation: Edie Morrison, Director of Religious Education, Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes, was introduced. Edie provided a handout outlining her role as well as the religious education program and special events.

Edie reported on the Living Stations, Last Supper presentation, Easter Fair, the upcoming Vacation Bible Camp, First Communion, Confirmation Class and the mission trip.

Consent Agenda: Don asked if any members had corrections, questions or would like an item pulled from the agenda. **Laura Graney (Tom Dinolfo) moved to accept the consent agenda. Motion Passed.**

Pastoral Report: Fr. Matthew complimented Edie on the excellent work she is doing with the Religious Education Program. He announced that our new Youth Minister, Jackie, will begin on July 1st. She will be graduating from Viterbo University, La Crosse.

Father Matthew met with Sun Graphics on the vision statement/catch phrase. He also inquired about a combined web site. Sun Graphics recommended that we wait until we have a logo and idea for our brand. Sun Graphics has offered to assist with the branding of the SNCP at no charge.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday went well with two priests. Father Matthew is giving thought to combining the Saturday evening service and also, not offering a bilingual mass on Holy Thursday and Friday in 2019.

Fr. Gideon reported that he will attend a one week retreat at our sister parish. The Hispanic men's retreat had twenty-eight participants. The women's retreat will be held June 9th.

Old Business: Pat asked for feedback on the Catholic Charities presentation. The Sheboygan Office of Catholic Charities has identified Refugee Resettlement and Behavioral Health Therapy as their primary focus points. Since we cannot provide hands on behavioral health therapy, should we consider working with refugees and immigrants?

Jeanne asked if any council members knew of refugee families in Sheboygan County. Are we notified when someone moves into our community? Reportedly, the United Church of Christ parishes have been active in providing refugee services. The Founders Club, 6th and Ontario Avenue, provides apartments to international interns.

Pat recommended a subcommittee be formed to study this. Tom Dinolfo suggested that we look at what Catholic Charities is providing refugees.

Pat reported on the council member nomination and discernment process. Don is the chair of this effort. At this point, we have three new members, one from St. Clement and two from Holy Name. Rosa has the name of one person that has expressed interest in serving.

Pat reviewed the 2017-2018 Council goals. We have accomplished several tasks. We will need to discuss further whether to continue with the present goals or set new goals for our coming year.

New Business: Don, Corine and Pat attended the April 21st Deanery meeting. Corine reported that there will be a Parish National Conference, October 17th, 18th and 19th.

The idea of a teen serving on the council was discussed.

Don reported that active shooter guidelines were presented. The Archdiocese will celebrate their 175th anniversary on November 25th, 2018.

St. Peter Claver has a Hmong Ministry led by Father Paul Fliss, who speaks Hmong. St. Peter Claver is the National Hmong Catholic Training Center of America.

Fr. Widder mentioned that the Hmong community is looking for another cemetery in the area.

Pat announced that May is our last meeting. We will plan to attend 5:30 p.m. mass at St. Dominic's and then gather for pizza and floats. Everyone can chip in for the cost. Pat will contact members to bring salads to pass. No meeting in June or July. August we will hold elections.

Closing Prayer: Mary Petrie led the Council in the closing prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wendlandt, Recording Secretary.