

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 3/15/22

Present: Fr. Mike Nartker, Brother Paul Hoffman, Phil Louis, John Mitchell, Don Yelton, Holly Schwein, Lawrence Rentz, Mary Ragland

Opening Prayer for Ukraine: read by Brother Paul

Rolling Reports:

School Report: presented by Phil (written submitted by Joanne), the minutes from the Education Commission meeting were also submitted and presented by Phil. Just completed the Iowa testing and preparing for MAP testing with results to be presented when available to Finance Commission and PPC. Christine from Ed. Comm. to help Gail Miller start back up the Children's Ministry during the 11:00 am mass and prepare any parishioners ready for First Communion. Looking for a liaison from the Ed. Comm. to attend PPC meetings.

Pastoral Team Report: Bro. Paul reported that mass attendance is slowly increasing. The info for Holy Week has been published in the bulletin. Confessions are being offered by Fr. Mike on Saturday mornings. Wednesday 5:30 pm mass is being held in the Purcell Chapel during Lent rather than the Rectory and about 20 attending. A meeting is scheduled with Enervise Heating to review options related to the loud blowers during mass.

Finance Commission Report: Don reported meeting with the Archdiocesan Director of Stewardship, David Kissell, to get some direction on investing the gift from the Fr. Tom Bokenkotter Social Justice Fund given to SFdS for stewardship after Assumption parish closed. It was recommended to invest it in the Archdiocesan Catholic Value Mutual Fund to grow the grant at a better rate than the current 1.6% Archdiocesan Green Fund. PPC approved this move. It will be distributed in 4-5% annual grants to our parish supported service organizations while keeping enough to continue growth to support the grants. It was also recommended that the SFdS Pre-School pursue the 5-star state certification to increase its reputation and visibility in attracting students. PPC will financially support this effort. Don also reported that John Bruening (facilities committee) secured a bid for roof repairs from an experienced roofing company which conservatively estimates a cost of \$200,000 to fix all leaks and tiles to campus buildings. PPC approved moving forward with this and secure comparable bids. The interior of the church ceiling has been repaired several times due to the leaking roof. With the cost of scaffolding being \$5000 every time it is put up it makes more sense to fix the roof and prevent the leaks. The archdiocese requires 3 estimates and references to get the archbishop's approval for a project of this size and scope.

Old Business:

Holly reported that 20 have signed up to have pictures taken for the new Parish Directory. There was a discussion about making it available on an App which is provided by the company and whether that was safe for personal contact information. It

was decided to make that available to those who wanted to use it. The print copy would have parishioner pictures and a directory of parishioner info would be in the back as was provided in the two previous directories from 2002 and 2013. The parish list includes about 500 families. PPC members will begin a call campaign to reach out to all of parishioners to encourage participation in the directory and clarify continued parish membership.

Brother Paul provided copies of his job description which was requested by the Marianist provincial. Fr. Mike's also submitted his job description to the provincial office.

Fr. Mike has been working on PPC recruitment to replace outgoing President Phil Louis, Mary Ragland and Don Yelton in May. An announcement will be prepared for Sunday to bring attention to his at Mass.

New Business:

A discussion was held about post Covid initiatives to get people back to in person mass participation as well as try to recruit new members. Lawrence Rentz presented a list of ideas that would take some volunteer commitment to implement and focused on getting more young people involved in the parish. Social activities were seen as a positive move to encourage community building. A parish event in the form of a picnic or ice cream social was slated for early summer (June 12). An announcement will be made on Sunday to ask for volunteers to be part of a planning committee around this social event.

Monthly coffee and donuts will continue with maybe a Coffee Truck scheduled for the Fall to encourage socializing in the courtyard.

Since Walk-on-Woodburn has re-started we will once again have the church open for tours and maybe concerts. Walk-on-Woodburn is held the 2nd Friday of every month from 5 to 10 pm.

Efforts are being made to schedule Francis @ 4 concerts on Sunday afternoons.

Fr. Mike would like to organize an Art Show to include the schools and any parishioner who wants to participate.

The meeting was closed at 9pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 19th at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Ragland