

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Mark Tuttle, Geoff Turbiak, Jane DeRoo, Denise Brady, Terri Field, , Elisabeth Johnston, Renee Billotto, Alex Mager

ABSENTEES: Megan Szczypka Wolschleger, Joe Bertrand, Ron Rowe, Sharon Miller, Deb Beaman

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Renee
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES - Done
- III. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Bio’s, Name Tags & Pictures – Most PC members have their bio’s and pictures for the website. Mark will email those who need to have their picture taken.
 - i. Most members do not have name tags. It is recommended that the PC members wear their name tags to parish events and Mass. Mark to send list of those needing name tags to Elaine for name tags to be made.
 - b. PC Introduced at Mass
 - i. This weekend (10/12 and 10/13) Fr. Jim will introduce the PC to the congregation. All PC members will be there for each Mass intro.
 - c. Vicariate Meetings – Since we do not have a Vicariate Representative, we will ask for volunteers to attend the 3 meetings during this fiscal year. Here are the volunteers:
 - i. October 28, 2019 - Denise Brady
 - ii. February 24, 2020 – Elisabeth Johnston
 - iii. June 1, 2020 – Geoff Turbiak
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Unleash the Gospel – there will be 4 waves for parishes. Fr. Jim has “volunteered” to be in the 4th wave. The waves will be:
 - i. 1st Wave – December 2019 (Those parishes have already been chosen)
 - ii. 2nd Wave – June 2020
 - iii. 3rd Wave – December 2020
 - iv. 4th Wave – June 2021
 - v. Each wave will have the following:
 1. Praying for the process – 3-4 Months
 2. Mission Plan – 3 Months
 3. Fund Raising – 4-5 Months
 - a. Our target will be \$1.3 million to be raised over 5 years.
 - b. A parish member is doing his Eagle Scout project. It will be to have a “Welcoming Jesus” statue made and installed where the gazebo used to be. This

will be a very nice addition to the grounds and show people driving down Newburgh that they are welcome. A discussion regarding possible landscaping around the statue occurred.

- c. Our Goals & Objectives have an objective that a Parish wide survey be done. A discussion regarding how to make this happen occurred.
 - i. Should it be a “scan-tron” type, and if yes, do we have the ability to do this? How much would it cost if we don’t have the ability?
 - ii. Should it be digital versus paper? Fr. Jim noted that if we did it digitally, we would not receive the response from the majority of parishioners. He suggests that we do it “paper” and use his homily time to have everybody take the survey. This will give us a greater response.
 - iii. One suggestion was to see if Madonna, Schoolcraft or another University would have a class that they could make it a team project to create the survey with us, and then collect the data, and give us the output.
 - iv. Fr. Jim asked all to think about this objective, and if it is possible to accomplish. This will be discussed at our next meeting.
- d. Fr. Jim noted that we are attempting to expand our Christian Service group to be a more “hands-on” group. This will be addressed at their upcoming meetings.
- e. Fr. Jim noted that during the week (Monday through Friday) the buildings will be locked at 8pm. The buildings will be locked on the weekends after any program has been completed.

V. FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT – No Report.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VICARIATE – No Report

B. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

- a. Knights of Columbus has a strong presence at St. Christine’s Soup Kitchen
- b. Funeral Lunches – Helen Ickes should be commended for her work on this program. We have received very strong responses from the grieving families on how they are treated and greatly appreciate this service. Also, Helen is excellent at dealing with the families.
- c. MOPS -a new program, Mom’s Next, for mother’s with kindergarten children is being started.
- d. New Dawn – the numbers have been declining in this group. This group will continue through the end of 2019, and then it will be determined if the group will continue or discontinued at the end of the year. If it is discontinued, a new group, 55 Up Club, for any person over the age of 55, is being investigated as a possible replacement.
- e. Pizza Night
 - i. Need more volunteers to assist in distributing pizza, especially during summer months when people are on

vacation. Email and Bulletin notices will be sent to grow the core base of volunteers.

- ii. Saturday nights when there is adoration or anointing after Mass has become an issue as people attend those, then when they come for pizza, it is gone. We will look at not have adoration or anointing on the 1st Saturday of the month.

C. EDUCATION – No report

D. EVANGELIZATION - No Report

E. SENIORS – No Report

F. WORSHIP – Their next meeting is October 9, 2019. A couple items to note:

- a. 10/27/19 5pm Bereavement Mass

- b. 10/30/19 7pm Infant Loss Mass

- c. Flowers – Acknowledging those who donate flowers for the altar is very good. If possible, have the person stand up if they are at the Mass.

- d. Sound System – A few complaints from seniors when Fr. Jim is walking from side to side on the altar that they cannot hear him when he moves. A discussion followed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Megan sent an email with 3 items for discussion:

- a. Express gratitude to Fr. Jim for his homilies. She has received comments from new parishioners and others regarding this topic. Especially great that Fr. Jim makes an effort to relate to people, connect scripture to real world and culture and his overall guidance does not go unnoticed.

- b. Suggestion that to unify the church and school, pick a Mass, and assign it to a certain grade at the school and Religious Education. Have the children be the lectors, altar servers, presentation of gifts, etc. for that Mass. The Worship Committee will take up this suggestion.

- c. A question regarding lunch for the school children on Tuesday. Due to Walking with a Purpose bible study, the children have to eat in their classroom and not go to the lunchroom. A discussion occurred and Walking with a Purpose cannot move to another room. This is not a long-term study.

VIII. NOVEMBER MEETING – OPENING & CLOSING PRAYER VOLUNTEER

- a. Opening Prayer – Denise

- b. Closing Prayer - Terri

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Denise