

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Fr. Jim McNulty, Geoff Turbiak, Sharon Miller, Lisa Smerdon, Elisabeth Johnston, Joe Bertrand, Deb Beaman, Terri Field, Denise Brady, John Brady, Alex Mager, Renee Billotto

EXCUSED ABSENTEES: Mark Tuttle, Megan Szczyпка Wolschleger, Jane DeRoo

- I. OPENING PRAYER – Joe
- II. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – All approved
- III. VICE-CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS
 - a. Christmas was a success, thank you to all those who made people feel welcome!
 - i. New Welcome Station looks nice – thank you!
 - ii. Father’s Homily was incredible!
 - iii. Music ministries were beautiful!
 - b. Survey – Elisabeth
 - i. Sub-Committee meeting at UofM on January 28th with the student teams.
 - ii. Feedback and status report at next Pastoral Council meeting.
 - iii. Father Jim stressed the importance of being able to conduct the survey with Paper & Pencil, and keeping the length to 10-15 minutes.
- IV. FR. JIM’S COMMENTS
 - a. Father Jim wanted feedback from those that attended the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass and sat in the hall.
 - i. Improvement considerations for next year include: balancing the sound levels, efficiency of Holy Communion with additional Eucharistic Ministers, and solemn mood lighting.
 - ii. Video portion seemed to work well.
 - b. Next capital improvement project will be to repair the organ and obtain additional pipes.
 - i. Estimated total cost is \$100,000.
 - ii. Considering additional ideas for fund raising beside the purple envelopes.
 - iii. Updated organ should last 50+ years, not an ongoing capital item.
- V. FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT – John
 - a. Organ project was the primary discussion.
 - b. Christmas collection total figure not known at the time of the meeting.
 - c. Donations are up overall
 - d. Ron Rowe passed away, may he find peace in Heaven.
 - e. There is a need for new Parish Finance Council members for those interested and having a business, accounting, or technology connection.
 - f. Venmo – further investigation on how to run a non-profit Venmo account.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Vicariate– Denise
 - i. No Vicariate meeting in December
 - ii. Next Vicariate meeting is February 24th – Elisabeth is attending
- b. Christian Service – Denise
 - i. Right-To-Life Baby Shower in March
 - ii. MOPS – Needs caregivers to help during their meetings / appreciated it when Father Jim stops by.
 - iii. Thanksgiving Outreach food collection was one of the largest in past years and we sent surplus food to a Detroit food bank. Christmas Outreach collected gifts for other charities as well as our local families. Thank you for your generosity.
 - iv. New Dawn trying to find new people to sign up, or they will end the group.
- c. Education – Deb
 - i. Nativity Pageant went very well.
 - ii. Another Divorce Care program is starting.
 - iii. Advent Tea was a success.
 - iv. Catechism has started back up.
- d. Evangelization – Sharon
 - i. Group is continuing to reach out to Current and Non-Active parishioners.
 - ii. There are a few new members, but more are needed.
 - iii. Looking for new evangelization ideas.
 - iv. Focus is on welcoming, playing to our strengths as a Parish.
- e. Seniors – Joe
 - i. Additional handicap spaces will be added in the Spring.
- f. Worship – Lisa
 - i. Asked for Christmas feedback
 - 1. Increase Body and Blood at larger Masses
 - 2. Put altar food baskets out at Christmas Masses to show guests how we value having children participate in our Masses.
 - ii. New Song Books being printed
 - iii. Theme for Lent is “Best Lent Ever” tying into Dynamic Catholic

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Reflective paint near the parking lot entrances/exits is working well.
- b. Some hymnals needing new copies of the Gloria and the Creed to replace missing ones. Seeking volunteers.

VIII. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. February – Next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2020.
 - i. Opening prayer – Elisabeth
 - ii. Closing prayer – Sharon

IX. CLOSING PRAYER – Deb