

May 24, 2017
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Room
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance
Present: Mark Altstadt, Terry Battaglia, Christa Bomeli, Janet Cardamone, Marcia Catalano, Fr. Tom Dragga, Barb Long, Robyn Manchick
Absent: Kimberly Ensign, Dennis Olsheski
Guest: Maggie Beatty, Mark Menary, Keith Miles, Megan Parsons, Michael Sreshta, Marylou Gall, Toddy McMonagle
Excused: Lisa Frey, Bethany Koenig, Marty Motsco, Mark Olszewski, Dottie Eidam
- Call to Order – Marcia Catalano
Marcia called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli
Meeting Minutes were approved as read
- Faith Sharing : Christa Bomeli read the Gospel from Matthew 28: 16-20
- Discernment Update – May 30th with Sr. Anita – Marcia Catalano (5 min)
Thanks to everyone for their help with the recruitment process from speaking at Mass to staying after and following up with prospective members. The PPC is a continuously changing group. Each member has a two year commitment and with the option of staying on for another second two year commitment. Marcia and Dennis will be coming off the PPC. Discernment is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm in the Worship Space and is facilitated by Sr. Anita Marun. All potentially new members are required to attend as well as any coming off their first term and are considering a second term are required to attend. Please let the staff know by Tuesday evening if you are considering not taking on an additional term. The Discernment evening will be a wonderful evening of prayer and any current members are welcome to join us.
- Pentecost – Canned Food Drive – sign up to assist – Marcia Catalano (5 min)
Everyone is invited to bring food for the Food Pantry with a red label. This will occur the weekend of June 3-4. The PPC members are asked to assist with placing the food onto the altar area. Last year we may have only had two members helping at the altar. This year we are asking for four members to help with each of the three masses that weekend. Please wear red that weekend and get your nametag out of the work sacristy. This will take place after the homily. A sign-up sheet was handed out to facilitate the even distribution of PPC members across the three masses.
- Parish Service Day Update – Sept. 9th – Fr. Tom Dragga (5 min)
It will begin at 8am with breakfast and prayer. We will leave around 8:30am to go to our sites. The service areas are going to be from 9am-12pm with a picnic lunch at the church after service opportunities. The goal is to have 200 people signed up. As of today, 41 people are signed up. We will probably have a sign-up weekend in the future. There are 20 different sites. The hope is to get more young families involved and the idea of the day is that it is intergenerational. The groups will be about 10 people or so in size. The goals are outreach, community service, and

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working with others in the parish to meet new people. PSR will be delayed by one week to accommodate the service weekend.

- Update on study of Parish Center – Fr. Tom Dragga (5 min)

Over the last 6-8 months, there have been conversations with the FC, B&G, and PPC looking at the parish center building that is approximately 40 years old. The building is in need of electrical, plumbing, and window updates. The roof is leaking and the decking in the attic is rotting. We have hired an architect, Ziska Architects, to look at the building and to make a study to come up with some possible plans of either a renovation or build something new and what is the most cost effective. They are currently studying the blueprints. They will be meeting with staff, PPC, FC, and B&G to see what the needs of the parish moving forward. Father estimates this is going to be about an eight month study. When we bring the 3 together, Father would like to invite those who are presently on PPC who will be stepping off as well as those who discern that they are stepping off. Stay tuned.

- Possible Parish Interest Survey Discussion – what ministries/services/direction for the Parish in the future? – Fr. Tom Dragga (20 min)

About 2 weeks ago, there was a gathering of parishioners who have been employed by the church to discuss the book Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century. One of the things that came out of it is that perhaps it is time for us as a parish to do a survey of the general parish to determine the needs for the parish members. It would look at whole gamut of parish life and what are we hoping for in the next 5-10 years – social justice, worship, catholic education, etc. Lisa found a survey that was perhaps done in 1998. Father is not suggesting that this is the survey to send out, but is a discussion point. Father would like to have a conversation and then have a small committee of the council to develop some questions/comments and then take to someone to further refine it. Consensus is that having a survey is a good idea in order to see what the parish really wants. It's an important tool to have the over 65 crowd to get involved in more service and also get young families involved. Asking people is always a good thing because it helps to make people feel involved in their church. It would give us a stepping point to further research into the areas of service to fully know what is involved and how we can help. It's a good follow up to the service survey. The past survey is a good starting point. General topics to place on the survey: benefit of the mass – what keeps you coming back, questions 3 & 4 on past survey, what service opportunities are people interested in, looking at different age groups – expand question 7 to further understand what special needs are for your age group. One thought is to keep the initial survey broad and then potentially asking a follow-up survey to the specific groups. Another thought it to pass the survey on the general areas of the mission statement: spirituality, education, social service and then have more specific questions under there and can be then grouped by age group. Perhaps have different surveys for broadly different age/familial groups – separated by color – that would address the different needs or one survey with sections for the different familial group.

Delivery options: surveymonkey, at mass, mailings

Are there PPC members willing to serve on a subcommittee to come up with the survey questions? We will look to fill this in June.

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Another idea to come from this meeting a few weeks ago is that while we are good at liturgy on Sunday and getting the community together, in the small settings we don't really know each other. Staff is looking at the possibility of starting every meeting with a 30 second go around about what is going on in your life to help to get to know the others in your small group setting. If there is more than one meeting going on in an evening, then perhaps go into the kitchen after the meeting for coffee to get to know each other.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Terry – Becoming Human – we have sent out invitations to 8 households to host showings of Hidden Figures. They get to invite who they want for these watch parties and were given a few questions. The hosts will meet in June to discuss how it went. June 13 the youth mission trip to Honduras is leaving. Jr High Summer Camp, VBS, and events for youth are in the works for this summer. Cookout for young families is being planned for Friday, July 14th with a bonfire and high schoolers to help. The Shack is being looked at for a outdoor movie night as part of Becoming Human. Staff is also looking at a joint PSR/RTC anti-bullying program called Project Love. Thought is that it would Parish assembly for PSR families – 9:30am-12pm to have opportunities for the both the parents and children to discuss separately and then together. A new background check has been instituted by diocese for teachers/volunteers who work with our youth.

Fr. Tom – Service Day, Project Love

- Roundtable Discussion

Janet – her daughter has enjoyed her year in choir and as an altar server. She's excited to be involved in the parish.

Barb – likes that this parish makes a personal phone call to follow-up with people. There's a power to the personal connection. Perhaps have a little questionnaire to feature a parishioner a week – optional.

Robyn – has missed coming to mass due to other commitments. Appreciates how our worship space is set up.

Mark A. – Israel trip arrived fine. Day 1 of tour went well. Great group together. Charitable Giving Board is finishing up the grant process and will gift 9 grants this year. Not able to attend discernment and will be stepping away.

Christa – RTC teachers had a team building at an Escape Room.

Marcia – thank you for the Mother's Day rose and the Centennial exhibit was wonderful. The book was very helpful to the enjoyment of the arts.

In June, we will be doing a review of the year and what went well and what needs improvement. The bottom of the list are those events that are new to the parish.

- Closing Prayer this meeting: Marcia Catalano

Upcoming dates:

May 29th – Memorial Day – No Mass & Parish Center is closed

May 30th – Parish Pastoral Council Discernment 7pm

June 21st – Parish Council Meeting 7pm