

September 20, 2017
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Room
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance:
Present: Fr. Tom Dragga, Terry Battaglia, Lisa Frey, Maggie Beatty, Christa Bomeli, Janet Cardamone, Louise Cox, Dottie Eidam, Mary Lou Gall, Barbara Long, Toddy McMonagle, Keith Miles, Marty Motsco
Excused: Robyn Manchick, Mark Olszewski
Unexcused: Michael Sreshta
- Call to Order – Marty Motsco
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli
- Faith Sharing : Fr. Tom Dragga
- Review of Meeting Dates, sign-up sheet for prayers, and Roster – Christa Bomeli
A sign-up sheet was passed around with the sign-ups for prayers. The roster was passed around to check for accuracy and the meeting dates were handed out. The roster will be emailed to everyone with the corrections.
- Review of Way of Proceeding – Marty Motsco (15 min)
A requirement of our Way of Proceeding is to go through it at the beginning of the year. Marty summarized the document and answered any question about the document.
- Discernment of PPC Officers – Fr. Tom Dragga (30 min)
Fr. Tom led the prayerful Discernment of PPC Officers. Lisa and Fr. Tom presented the roles of each officer. The results of the Discernment were that Marty Motsco is the Chairperson, Mark Olszewski is the Vice-Chairperson, and Christa Bomeli is the Secretary for the upcoming year.
- Review of Day of Recollection – Marty Motsco (5 min)
The facilitator did a great job and it worked well in the afternoon. The Commissioning at Mass was a nice end to the whole day. It would have been nice if there was a small break between the Recollection and Mass. There's a potential to consider having a time-keeper for the event but without micro-managing. The self-assessment was a nice way to begin. It was nice to have the leaders of other commissions there as well to add to the discussion.
- Review of Parish Service Day – Marty Motsco (5 min)
Again, it went really well. There were a few comments that we should do this more than once a year. There was a site that had a lot of manual labor that was not indicated ahead during sign-ups. It would be nice to have this type of information ahead of time. Lunch afterwards was nice. The sites had a real good mix of people. It was also great to see so many young people

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involved. The planning process for the Parish Service Day takes about 9 months to complete. Could we choose one spot where everyone could go to and use that as our second day?

- Building Survey Results – Fr. Tom Dragga (30 min)

About 12% of the parish responded to the survey for a total of 147 people. It was sent out for 3 weeks. The survey was designed by Rick Ziska. Dominant age group that responded was 50-80 year olds and the dominant gender was female. Average number of years was 21 years in the parish. Fr. Tom handed out a sheet of the top 10 responses to the questions. The majority of people responding did not have children in their home. The dominate image of our parish was that it is Welcoming, Inclusive, Catholic/Christian. Our greatest strengths were Community/Parishioners, Inclusiveness/Welcoming, and Staff. The current facilities promote Worship/floor plan, Trivison Hall, and Gathering Area. The current facilities inhibit the Classrooms, none, Trivison Hall feeling, and has a small Kitchen. Other parish facilities that the parishioners would like to see nothing, kitchen, parish hall, and classrooms. Our greatest needs are classrooms, Update Trivison Hall, Kitchen, and Maintenance. The hopes and dreams of the parishioners are for youth activities, outreach, and community center feel. Fr. Tom Dragga has a complete summary of the results.

This survey is a start of getting information from the parish. There is a feeling that there is a value to talking with the Solon Schools to use the Lewis Elementary gymnasium. There is also a feeling that people would be more open to the concept of remodeling/repairing the building versus totally rebuilding the parish center. However, there needs to be a consideration of what the costs would be of remodeling versus rebuilding and which would provide a greater value. There seemed to be a non-awareness of some of the activities in the Parish Hall and the condition of the building. A next step could be creating a problem statement, a feasibility study, and an explanation of what is going on with the parish center. Another option could be a town hall meeting to discuss the building with a time limit for comments. The architect plans to look at feasibility and to have a town hall gathering. It would be helpful if the architect could explain the whole process. Father will be taking these results to other commissions and then following up with the architects in October.

- Review of Saturday mass times – Fr. Tom Dragga (5 min)

Are we comfortable with keeping the 5:30pm mass or should we move it to an earlier time? There have been some complaints that the 5:30pm is too late. A question of whether to specifically survey the 5:30pm mass crowd to see what they feel about the mass time was brought up. The survey could go on for 3 weeks. The survey would provide times for them to circle as their preference. The PPC feels like there is value to asking the 5:30pm crowd about their preferences.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Lisa – Watch the Bulletin. Is there an interest in sponsoring a refugee family through Catholic Charities? They are just in the beginning stages of talking about it. In Oct., Catholic Charities

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begins a new year. The process is a one to three year commitment with many different options to be involved. It sounds like a wonderful idea to do as a parish.

Terry – Watch the Bulletin. Not yet in the bulletin, there will be a women's spirituality Afternoon of Reflection that would include painting a blessing plate.

Fr. Tom – There are three opportunities for adult education classes upcoming. One is Thursday Scripture Studies with Lisa Frey. Another is Catholicism 101 with Fr. Tom on the first two Mondays in October and the second and third Tuesdays in November. Dr. Dan Dolesh, STD will be leading an evening on Contemplative Prayer. He has a practice in Beachwood as in Individual and Marriage Therapy. Please see the Bulletin for further information. On Tuesday, Nov. 7th at 7pm, the SE district will be having a mass to welcome Fr. Perez. We have a 65 tickets to hand out. Please let Fr. Tom know if you would like to attend.

- Roundtable Discussion
In consideration of time, the roundtable discussion was skipped for this meeting.
- Closing Prayer – Christa Bomeli

Upcoming dates:

Sept. 21st, 28th, Oct. 5th, and 12th – Men's Scripture Sharing 6:30am

Sept. 21st, 28th, Oct. 5th, 12th, and 16th – Scripture Study Paul: the Messenger and the Message 12pm

Oct. 1st – Pet Blessing 12:45pm

Oct. 1st – Music in a Sacred Space – Arco Cleveland String Quartet 2:30pm

Oct. 2nd and 9th – Catholicism 101 7pm

Oct. 3rd and 17th – Women's Spirituality 7pm

Oct. 4th – Men of Faith 7pm

Oct. 18th – PPC Meeting 7pm