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February 21, 2018  
Parish Pastoral Council Agenda  
Upper Room  
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance:  
Present: Terry Battaglia, Janet Cardamone, Louise Cox, Fr. Tom Dragga, Dottie Eidam, Lisa Frey, Christa Bomeli, Mary Lou Gall, Mark Olszewski, Toddy McMonagle, Keith Miles, Marty Motsco  
Excused: Maggie Beatty, Barbara Long, Robyn Manchick, Michael Sreshta  
Unexcused:
- Marty Motsco called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli
  - Minutes stand approve as read.
- Faith Sharing: Keith Miles read from the Gospel of Mark 9:2-10.
- Volunteer Saturday Update – April 28<sup>th</sup> – Marty Motsco (5 min)  
Timing did not work out with our initial location from Hiram House. Plan B is to go to Boys Hope/Girls Hope in Garfield Heights from 9am-12pm on April 28<sup>th</sup> with both inside and outside cleaning and maintenance to be done. We will work with parishioners of St. Rita's and families of those students at Boys Hope/Girls Hope. A cookout is being provided for the volunteers at 12pm. Facility is located next to St. Peters and Paul Church. The homes are for Jr High/ High School age children where they attend a Catholic School – Walsh Jesuit, St. Ignatius, or Gesu. These are gifted students that come from dysfunctional homes to give them an opportunity to thrive academically. The facility has been around for close to 20 years.
- Attendance Committee Update – Fr. Tom Dragga (5 min)  
Fr. Tom has approached a few people, however they are hesitant to work on the issue. There isn't a committee currently. It is hard to wrap their hands around what to do. Further thought needs to happen on whether to go forward with this specific committee. Fr. Tom passed out an article about why young Catholics are leaving the church for the PPC to reflect on personally.
- Discernment Process – Marty Motsco (5 min)  
During the second weekend of March, the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, Marty, Mark & Christa will speak at one of the masses about joining the PPC. Those interested need to be registered members, have been confirmed, and in parish at least 1 year. The commitment is for 2 years. Discernment will be in May. Youths in grades 8-12 who are confirmed or in process, are members can join for a 1 year commitment. They can participate in an additional year if they so discern. The blurbs in the bulletin will start that weekend. Please think and speak to those who you feel may be good or interested in the PPC.
- Ad-hoc Committee for Parish Center – Fr. Tom Dragga (5 min)  
A Parish Center Futuring Committee has been formed with the following members: Rob Greene (B&G), Mark Carrabine (B&G), Kevin Young (Finance), a 2<sup>nd</sup> person from Finance, Mark

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Olszewski (PPC), Mary Lou Gall (PPC), Terry Battaglia, Lisa Frey, and Rick Kravanka. Fr. Tom will meet with the committee on Sunday. The goal is complete work by June and to interview members of other groups such as: hospitality, funeral lunch, PSR/RTC, social justice, food pantry, representatives of outside groups that use the facilities, and office staff. Will add VBS and Julie Parrotta with music ministry to the list. They will also look at the visioning to see if there is something that we missed. Part of the outcome is to look at issues around feasibility of taking on this project.

- Refugee Sponsorship – Lisa Frey (10 min)

Katherine Thomas spoke at the 5:30pm & 11am masses. She is the overall coordinator of this process. Liz Ruiz-Pham gave a witness at 9am mass. Forty-four people signed up over the weekend to help. There were 4 areas – collecting items, greeting the families at airport, setting up the dwelling, and mentoring the family (which is a 3 month commitment). There was so much good energy going forward. Next step, Katherine Thomas will contact the group. The representative from Catholic Charities will come back to do a presentation of anyone who has signed up or just to learn more – a sponsorship 101 class. More intensive involvement of mentorship will get further training with background checks, Virtus, and other training. We do not know when we may be called to meet with our family or where our family is from. Katherine feels that we have enough interest to support 6 families – but we'll do it one at a time. A further reflection for the parish as a whole could be - What does it mean to be welcoming to strangers? This is a theme that will be carried in Lent and beyond. March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the bread and soup meal and we will host a panel of people who can witness to being uprooted and the struggle it involves. Most housing is located on the near West Side and is provided by Catholic Charities. Furnishings can be gently used and some things need to be new.

- Wonder watch parties – Terry Battaglia (5 min)

Movie just became available on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be set up like last time. The host home will be asked to do the movie via Netflix or DVD. After the host homes have done their meetings, there will be a meeting of the hosts to discuss how it went. The last class of RTC will be a youth watch of the movie with discussions after on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

- How do we better self-promote our parish? – Fr. Tom Dragga (20 min)

After our visioning meeting, it came out that we need to do more to self-promote the Good News of the Gospel that we do and share. So how do we let others know what our Good News is? Suggestions included: Bring a friend to mass weekend. Contact the local newspapers to cover some events– something like the bullying project would be an event that they would have covered, the refugee help, the movie watch parties, Service Day. Perhaps look into having a parishioner to be a contact with the newspaper. Music in a Sacred Space would be another example of something that could go in the papers or sent to other parishes to invite them to go. Repurpose some stories onto Facebook and ask parishioners to share these posts on their own feeds.. The kid stuff is on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook. Summer carnivals to

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have people come to the church – not to conflict with Solon Home Days. Sunshine committee to send cards to parishioners for any family events or just to say “hello.” Get involved with groups that bring new people into the area – Early Childhood PTAs, welcome wagon, or corporate HR relocation departments, you may be able to include a brochure or information in their welcoming packets or advertise with them.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Terry – busy retreat weekend for RTC. 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is this Fri-Sat starting with Stations of the Cross and spending the night. Sunday is the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat from 11am -3pm. The following weekend is the Confirmation retreat. March 22<sup>nd</sup> an Adult Easter Egg hunt is planned with dinner 7-8pm and then a Easter Egg Hunt and desserts. Looking for donations of prizes – gift cards of around \$5, bottles of wine. Price will be \$20 per person includes dinner.

Lisa – Loaves and Fishes Grant Fund is currently looking for recommendations for recipients. Typically smaller organizations or individuals. Deadline to apply is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a watch party to view The Sultan and the Saint about St. Francis of Assisi during the crusades. This is co-sponsored CV Islamic Center and Church of the Resurrection. It will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup> here at 2pm.

Fr. Tom – We started live streaming our masses this past weekend. We will live stream our Parish Mission coming up. The funeral we held this past week was recorded and we are able to send it to a family member who was unable to attend. We will do something similar for an upcoming funeral as well. Feed is available through our parish website. On reflection of the recent school shootings, it feels like prayer needs to move us onto action. As a parish, is there something we can do a petition to our government officials that would come not just from the adults of the parish, but also the young people of the parish? See Something, Say Something, Do Something. There are some political boundaries as we cannot get involved advocating one candidate over another. But on issues, we can be involved. Hesitation was brought up on how to approach the children without scaring them. It was suggested to continue nourishing the children in ways like the Stick Together – Project Love to allow them to not see violence as an option. Perhaps getting the older high school teens involved would be a better option. Letters to our legislative leaders as we have done before would be one step. Do we have a Town Hall discussion to allow the parish to discuss what our next steps as a parish are? Unanimous consensus that the PPC feels like we need to have some sort of action going forward.

- Roundtable Discussion

Keith – attended the refugee meeting and it sounds exciting and can't wait to be involved.

Janet – speak with the government officials not just about bans but also to support teens and help it not to be the get of point of violence.

Mary Lou – mentioned a teacher who has her students write down who would they like to sit near, or someone you wouldn't in an effort to see who has no friends or who is being left out. It's an idea to pass along.

Toddy – is excited that we are going to take an action on the gun violence

Louise – is glad to see that there are many who want to be involved with the refugee families

Marty – there are now welcome bags out in the Gathering Area for those attending for the first time. It's a really nice gesture.

Dottie – students are starting groups where no one is sitting alone at lunch. Perhaps the schools would allow those who retired to come in and sit with students at lunch.

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- Closing Prayer – Christa Bomeli read a prayer sent by Maggie Beatty and then the group closed in song singing If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers.

### Upcoming dates:

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
Scripture Study 12pm  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – Women and the  
Word 1:30pm @ Regina Health Center  
Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Stations of  
the Cross 7pm  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Mike Woost – Lenten Mission on  
Eucharist  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – Women and the  
Word 7pm @ St. Christopher  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Evening of Confessions 5pm  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Taize Prayer 7pm  
Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Women and the Word 7pm @  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – Alter of Memories 1:30pm  
Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> – Communal Reconciliation 7pm  
Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> – Prom to Remember  
Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> – Interfaith Seder Meal 7pm  
Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – Music in a Sacred Space – Fire & Grace 7pm  
Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Parish Council Mtg 7pm  
Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Adult Easter Egg Hunt 7pm  
Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bread & Soup Meal 6pm