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October 17, 2018
Parish Pastoral Council Agenda
Upper Room
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance:

Present: Janet Cardamone, Lisa Frey, Christa Bomeli, Barbara Long, Fr. Tom Dragga, Louise Cox, Robyn Manchick, Michael Sreshta, Mark Olszewski, Chuck Maimbourg, Beth Wolfeson

Excused: Terry Battaglia, Marylou Gall, Toddy McMonagle, Keith Miles

Unexcused: Michael Sreshta

- Mark Olszewski called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- Attendance - Maggie Beatty
- Faith Sharing: Mark Olszewski - 29th Sunday in OT Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45
- Review of PPC expectations and attendance policy – Mark Olszewski (5 min)
 - Other articles and addenda were reviewed as part of the Evening of Reflection and Officer Discernment
 - Article V - Meetings of the Council. 10 meetings per year. November meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday this year due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Procedures for meetings will follow the guidelines in Addendum I of our Way of Proceeding and the agenda will follow a structure similar to that of today's meeting. Seconded by Christa Bomeli. Recording done by Maggie and will be sent to Diane to post on the parish website.
 - Article VI – Vacancies of the Council. Membership of lay members of the Council may be terminated by: Written resignation to the Chairperson of Council when the individual feels unable to fulfill Council duties and responsibilities; Ceasing to be a registered member of the Parish; Missing three (3) regular meetings during a twelve (12) month period, unless the Executive Board grants special dispensation.
- Evening of Reflection feedback – Christa Bomeli (5 min)
 - How we felt about our church language. Do we have enough variety to LISTEN to other's language that speaks to them? aka... statues, rosary group praying. Understanding the variety of church languages gives us a chance to use that as a lens to see how other parishes are "viewed" and if we can understand and listen to what other parishioners' needs are and if they are honestly being met. More dialogue time would have been nice, but because of the discernment he was trying to crunch time. Father would like to not be rash in the way that we add or remove different opportunities and just reflect that everyone's needs may not be met on any given day. Very thought provoking, just not sure how to go about it, because we can't be all things to all people. It's a good reminder that there ARE seven different ways of faith and as we plan events throughout the year(s) to just be aware of the them.

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- Parish Service Day recap – Barb Long (5 min)
 - Planning is under way for 2019. Cornerstone of Hope in Independence - organization that emerged after a loss of a child. The gardens are stunning/peaceful and should be added to the list for next year. Encourage team members to be at the church to start the day off together - it sets the tone. We benefit from donating our time/energy as much as the locations gain from our donation of time/energy. More streamlining for next year - because some locations didn't need people, and others could have used more. It's a great day. Louise was in a different time zone, but she thinks that a prayer group could be offered for those that can't physically volunteer and have information on all of the organizations we are volunteering at, to not only pray for the volunteers but also the people that minister at the organizations.
- Refugee Family update – (submitted by Katherine Thomas) read by Lisa Frey (5 min)
 - Family arrived in town safely and was very happy with their home/furnishings and there was even a nice hot dinner waiting for them. The kids have been sick, but are on the mend and one of the daughters has a broken arm, but she is in good spirits. School has not started for them yet, because they are still getting caught up on immunizations. The first mentoring meeting is on Oct. 29, so the journey is just getting started.
- 2020 Anniversary Committee – Mark Olszewski (10 min)
 - 50th anniversary year. Marty Motsco is the chairperson for this committee and will want to meet in the coming meetings as to what we want to see the Anniversary celebration. Lisa brought up that we have a parish mission statement with 4 core values and if we could use that as a framework. Worship, Dignity, Vision, Justice. Beth brought up that we had a really long celebration for 25th and she enjoyed the different events. Our mission statement is 18 years old - maybe it's time to review them or even add a 5th Core Value. Mission began in Parish Council many years ago and it was a very large member committee -- strategic planning. Middle of 2019 would be the right time to start thinking about our core values. Fr. Tom suggests taking 1 core value a month and reflecting and note any spin-offs that may merge from it. June 14 of 2020 is our official anniversary — Anniversary celebrations maybe lead into something bigger and then taper off a bit. Possibly do something honoring the founding charter members with a luncheon/flowers/asking them to share stories / experiences. Oral history is so important especially leading up to the future 100 anniversary. Having a "Charter Chatter" in the bulletin where founding members can share some of their "I remember whens"... Light of Hearts villa has Fr. Lou Trivison's nativity scene, it would be a good possible event to go and see it. Some churches just have anniversary just tacked on to any event throughout that year. We should contact the Bishop to get on his calendar. Possibly a dinner dance.

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- Alpha program update – Fr. Tom Dragga (5 min)
 - It is a 10-week program founded in Great Britain that is Christian-based. Looks at big question issues “why do people suffer?” “Meaning of Life?” “How do people pray?” Meant to stimulate conversation. 6:30 pm gather, share a simple meal, short video presentation, discussion/small group - not meant to solve anything or answer, but just leave it out there. The hope is to invite a person to do more searching and invite them forward. The program is moving forward. Oct. 22 is the first training session for table/discussion leaders, also training on Nov. 8 and Nov. 26 - people have been asked/volunteered to be the discussion leaders. About 8-9 leaders needed. Target audience is an invitation to young families - those that drop off kids to PSR and then go away but don’t necessary partake in masses. Opening up to Advent Lutheran, Pioneer... Different organizations will be providing the meals -- Parish Council is in charge of the meal March 13. The program will be Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10. In Trivison Hall from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. It’s the kind of program that it’d be good to attend all 10 session but it doesn’t really build upon each other so if you miss one, you wouldn’t be “lost” at the next. Babysitting will likely be provided because the program is not meant for children.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Lisa – This weekend we are welcoming students/staff/families from Archbishop Lyke. Annual appeal for Trivison Scholarship fund at all the masses. We’ve been asked to host a Human Trafficking forum on Thursday, Nov. 8 -- film and panel presentation. Sunday Jazz Brunch helped raise \$1600 for Children’s programs at the Thea Bowman Center. Thea Bowman was a really important African American nun in the Catholic Church - she radiated light. There is a presentation on her on Sunday Nov. 4. A new program is coming, Sun. Oct. 28 - Hope for the Holidays - Kathy Doberstyn - Nurse and Dementia caregiver about how to approach the holidays with someone afflicted with memory issues. We are as a pastoral staff exploring a healing garden space on the parish grounds for victims of sex abuse and loss of *anything* - addiction, cancer, relationship. A place to find comfort/healing. A place that is welcoming and warm just to spend time in reflection.

Fr. Tom – We’ve started the 50+ club (Plus or minus!). September was the kick-off - 110 people at the dinner kick-off. 57 people attended the 3 church tours today and Keith was a driver. Chateau Hough Winery - only allows 20 people event on Nov. 7. It is a small winery in the Hough neighborhood of Cleveland. A visit to Stan Hewitt Hall in December, Cleveland Orchestra in January, Murder Mystery in February, March is a tour of Cleveland Museum of Art, June is Goodtime 2. Advent book is being done online this year - you’ll receive it the week before. Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm is the Evening for Liturgical Ministers — highly recommend attending. Giving Tuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 — goal is to put TV monitors in all the classrooms for PSR/meetings, etc.

- Roundtable Discussion
 - Nov. 1 is a dinner prior to the All Saints mass, and dessert following the mass. Barb has a concern about the abuse scandal; she has a lot of family considering leaving the church and thinks it’s terrible to sit by and not do anything. Listening sessions offered by the Diocese are going to be offered. Possibly have that at our parish level. United States

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Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) meeting in Washington D.C. in November; we could write a letter and send to Bishop Perez. Louise went to Monday night's Taize and it was one of the most beautiful/touching experiences. We are moving in a forward direction for the building project - just waiting on the surveys to be tabulated and get a follow-up with Rick Krivanka. Christa mentioned that Saturday is RTC's dinner/scavenger/bonfire. Youth Mission trip is going to a Native-American reservation in AZ as well as a local mission: 7-8th graders a night or two to stay within Cleveland. Continued prayers for ankle feeling to control swelling, but her surgery was a success. Motion by Barb to organize a letter/listening session second by Christa to move forward with the plan. EWTN will televise the Bishop's meeting. Small group to write letter, review via email, sign, have parishioners sign weekend of Nov. 3-4, and send it to Bishop Perez's office on Nov. 5 so he has it by the meeting on Nov. 9. Barb, Christa, and Mark will lead the letter writing. Listening session(s) will happen after the November USCCB meeting; consider bringing in an outside facilitator; such listening sessions are happening at other parishes around the Diocese and around the country.

- Closing Prayer – Christa Bomeli

Upcoming dates:

Oct. 13 -14 – Fair Trade Boutique
Oct. 15 – Taize Prayer – 7pm
Oct. 20 – RTC mass/dinner/bonfire
Oct. 23 – Evening for Liturgical Ministers – 7pm
Nov. 1 – All Saints Day – Mass 8:30am
Nov. 2 – Feast of All Souls – Mass 7pm
Nov. 3 – Turkish-American cooking class – 12pm
Nov. 4 – Music in a Sacred Space – 2pm
Nov. 6 – Labyrinth – 10am
Nov. 7 – Alpha Prep meeting – 7pm
Nov. 17 – Women Afternoon of Reflection – 12p
Nov. 18 – Food Basket Prep – 6pm
Nov. 19 – Food Basket Project – 9am
Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving mass – 9am
Nov. 23 – Parish Center Closed - Thanksgiving