

Council year: 2018-2019

May 15, 2019
Parish Pastoral Council Agenda
Upper Room
7 – 9 PM

- Call to Order: Mark Olszewski
- Attendance: Maggie Beatty

Present: Christa Bomeli, Fr. Tom Dragga, Chuck Maimbourg, Marylou Gall, Maggie Beatty, Beth Wolfson, Keith Miles, Mark Olszewski, Louise Cox, Michael Sreshta, Lisa Frey, Terry Battaglia, Barbara Long, Toddy McMonagle, Robyn Manchick, Elizabeth Frey, Eamonn Hunter

Excused:

Unexcused: Janet Cardamone

- Faith Sharing : Louise Cox (10 min)
 - Gospel of John 13: 31-33a, 34-35
- Review of Parish Calendar – Fr. Tom (30 min)
 - start young family BBQ earlier 4-7p events -- during week events may vary - rolling starts help. Jazz Brunch was a big hit! Scripture series has been moved to Thursday mornings at 11a with a light lunch after -- quadrupled enrollment with that time. Trunk or Treat for Kids for Halloween or involving the 50+ club? Ham/Turkey capacity is 30 and we always get more (so we request that people bring the morning of so they dont have to be stored). Adding more Social Issue movie/panel/discussions would draw a bigger/younger/more diverse demographic group. We've started 6 new programs this year!
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner feedback – Barb Long (10 minutes)
 - 49 people participated, 5 host families. 4:30-6:30p. One glitch, but good feedback. Hoping it expands further next time. Variety of ages/places in life. What we learned from the glitch is to have a pastoral staff member recheck the pairings. We'll have more time to plan/advertise next time.
- Discernment follow-up – Christa Bomeli (5 minutes)
 - Next Wednesday, May 22 @ 7pm. Toddy, Michael, Keith, Marylou, Louise will be discerning as well.
- Comments from Pastoral Team (10 min)
 - Lisa -- Loaves & Fishes - Charitable Giving Board has \$10,000 to give to worthy causes and individuals. It is as annual -- 7 grant applications and we awarded 6 of those organizations! On Pentecost awardees will be announced. 6 out Collaboration with Federated Church for a labyrinth "embody prayer" - beautiful day on Saturday, May 10. Saturday, May 20 is a Ramadan Iftar dinner -- program starts at 7:30p. A wonderful cultural experience with the Turkish American Society. Ramadan migrates 10 days earlier every year. Yesterday, met with a landscape architect -- Forest Therapy is getting to know your own land as we prepare for our 50th anniversary.

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- Terry -- PSR ended with a Rainbow Babies & Children Hospital -- mason jar change collection raised over \$1200. RTC ended and Confirmation ended. June has 2 mission trips -- Jr. High to St. Aloysius - 17 kids & adults. Highschool to AZ - 24 kids and adults. Upcoming dates VBS - July 8-12
- Fr. Tom -- next year we'll have a seminarian Brook Benedict - helping with jail ministry on Sunday nights -- because it's a ministry, volunteers could possibly be high school or college student vs. the standard age of 21. Tuesday May 21 - Futuring Committee meeting - winding down with visioning of this Trivison Hall property and "where to do we go from here". We are at a point where we need to look at a strategic plan in terms of ministry, our future, -- where do we want to be 5/10/15 years from now as a parish/ministry/out reach. Last strategic plan was in 2000 (started in 1999-1998). Also possibly look at our mission statement as part of the strategic plan. Has heard from others/self about the lack of children and the loss of numbers during weekly mass and some of the explanation is "NONES" - those that have no religious affiliation is the largest number -- a church that loves its members is a great start to "grow numbers" despite the trend of "less believers". suggestions to possibly add some "more draw" is that some churches have "birthday blessings" where it involves the kids more because it really isn't until their 1st communion that being a member of the church "clicks" and people attend parishes of their choosing now instead of the one "closest" or within their parish lines now. More discussion for the future that could possibly tie into the strategic plan/mission statement as to if we are just trying to increase numbers or outreach or have something cool & trendy that brings people in.
- Roundtable Discussion (10 min)
 - Robyn - looking forward to the upcoming year of PPC because she has had a lot going on in her personal life. New Directions is where she works - facility for drug/alcohol addiction - - talked with Fr. Tom offering space at the church to bring to the community education and support to families dealing with addiction. Addiction has such a stigma so if we can offer resources with a spiritual component. Keep bringing things to the church to partner with -- just as a facility to another opportunity to outreach. 25% of a general population is dealing with an addict or is addicted.
 - Barb - has an idea for Prayer Walking (Saddleback in CA does it). Gets together and walks as a group. People in the parish meet up and walk. Prayer walkers start with a prayer and then they walk. Spiritual and embody prayers. -- agenda item for June
 - Youth Group fundraiser on Mother's Day did well! We're about \$2000 short for the whole trip but that includes extra funding to help defray the cost -- and fundraisers are so the community can feel a part of it.
- Closing Prayer – Chuck Maimbourg (10 min)
For the month of May - Mary -- Serenity Prayer

Upcoming dates:

May 6th – Contemplative Prayer – 9:00a + 7:00p
May 6th – Taize (Easter) – 7:00p
May 7th – Breaking Bread & Sharing Faith - 7:00p
May 7th – Labyrinth - 10:00a
May 11th – Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale – 11a
May 11th – Labyrinth Fest - 9:00a

May 13th – Contemplative Prayer – 9:00a + 7:00p
May 14th – Women's Spirituality – 7:00p
May 16th – Yoga – 9:00a
May 20th – Ramadan Iftar Dinner – 7:30p
May 22nd – PPC Evening of Discernment – 7:00p
May 27th – Parish Office Closed