

Diane Bradac noted that while some of the BE Team work was abstract, it was important to generate a vision that the Pastoral Council would then determine how to implement.

Stephen Jesch suggested that we do more to promote the concept of lay leadership. Proposed a short agenda item around lay leadership reading for next meeting.

Diane Bradac suggested that we should look at the parish engagement survey results and determine whether it is the same people participating all the time, and how we can reshape some of our existing portfolio of activities to see how they can be more empowering.

Mary Crosley offered to join the BE Team.

III.7:40-7:55

Sanctuary Parish Discussion

Mary Crosley summarized the work of the Ithaca Sanctuary Alliance, a collaboration of local churches who are working to establish more sanctuary churches in the Ithaca-Tompkins area. ISA meets on a monthly basis to discuss what is involved with becoming a sanctuary church.

Tom O'Toole indicated that becoming a sanctuary parish meant providing accommodations to an undocumented family navigating the visa/immigration process. This would not absolve us of exposure to safety and legal concerns.

Father Joe and Stephen Jesch suggested that we should draft an overview of this for the bulletin to fully inform people.

Tom O'Toole discussed the homeless overnight and the Mobile Guatemalan Consulate initiative (Cornell Farmworker Program). It was generally agreed that the parish should proceed with the Mobile Guatemalan Consulate Initiative-Tom O'Toole will revert to the organizers and ask them to contact June for scheduling. Tom will also obtain more information on the homeless overnight initiative.

IV. 7:55-8:31

Regular Business

-Father Joe Comments

Dominical Republic trip is this week. Everything going as planned; students are bringing an enormous quantity of supplies.

Fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children (Beyond the Plate) is generating strong interest.

Muslim community is trying to build their mosque; need \$25,000 more to build their facility. We were planning to do a joint fundraiser for them. Our conversations took a different turn—we are inviting all the faith communities in the Ithaca-Tompkins area to do their own fundraisers, followed by a dinner during which we will present the Muslim community with their funds. Dinner is in November 2019.

Following Christ starts on 2/12.

Fiscally, the Catholic Ministry Appeal is still \$18,000 short, which means the shortfall will be drawn from our operating budget.

UNITE Campaign: \$128,000 left pledged that are still coming in. \$172,000 balance left. Father Joe is sending out 80 letters to parishioners to close the gap.

Father Joe gave a summary of his State of the Church, which discussed facilities, budget/fundraising,

-Suggestion Box

“Could you have a Eucharistic Minister come to the crying room?”

Response: Yes—great idea. Thank you!

“I really miss praying St. Michael’s Prayer (as a congregation) at the end of mass as well as profession of faith at the beginning of mass.”

Response: This has not been our tradition at St. Catherine’s, but we warmly invite you to say both of these prayers on your own during mass.

“Please consider making the readings and sermons accessible online as a recording each week.”

Response: The 9:00am mass on Sunday is livestreamed, and we invite you to connect with us then!

“Can you make mass for kids?”

Response: Yes, the 9:00am mass is for kids!

-Bulletin Thanks

Donna Fish for making desserts for couple’s dinner.
Father Joe, Ann Marie, Ashley, Diane Bradac, and all of the young people who came to serve and clean up for couple’s dinner.

Everyone who have given to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Everyone who donated and volunteered support the Dominican Republic trip.

Everyone who organized Trivia Night

Thank you to the priest who covered for Father Joe while he is on vacation.

-Reminders/Updates from Chair

Reminder to everyone on the Pastoral Council to complete their CASE Training.

Next meeting, Sherry Scanza will be discussing her staff role.

Read first two chapters of lay leadership reading and come up with some engaging questions for next meeting.

V. 8:25-8:30

Closing Prayer