

Church of Saint Eulalia
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Minutes of Meeting-corrected
January 8, 2020

Present: Father John Kiley, Louise Cocuzzo, Kelly Daugherty, Anna-Marie Ferraro, Adele Hamblett, Claire McKenna, Leslie Matys, Michael Pescatore Sr, Jessica Callaghan, Ailish Dixon, Mary DeCoursey, Brian Collins, Joan Sweeney

Absent: Michael Pescatore Jr, Wayne Lambert

The Meeting was called to order by Claire McKenna, PPC Vice chair.
Adele shared an opening prayer – “Lord, teach us to Pray”

Reading from Scripture and Reflections:

Reading from Matthew 3:13-17. Several PPC members shared their reflections on the passage.
Scripture citation for next PPC meeting should be included on the agenda prior to the meeting.

Minutes of Meeting: The November 13, 2019 minutes were accepted as corrected. Motion made to accept by Adele Hamblett, seconded by Anna-Marie Ferraro; unanimous approval.

Fr John's Update

Looking toward Lent:

There will be a series of talks re the Basics of the Catholic Faith – probably on the Mondays evenings of Lent.
Sessions open to all; will be particularly helpful for adults preparing for Confirmation.
The regional bishops usually have an adult confirmation ceremony after Easter – Fr John will look into this.

The goal is to promote the sacred Triduum this year. How do we get better attendance? Fr John will do all Ash Wednesday services to reinforce the start of Lent – all building up to the Triduum.

Advent/Christmas went well. Fr John was impressed by the number of folks who came to confession during the days prior to Christmas. There was some criticism re the ‘examination of conscience’ forms that were distributed during the penance service. Some reference re ‘going back to pre-Vatican 2’. Fr John would like to know more if any PPC member hears more re this.

Adult Education for Lent will include Ascension Press’ 5 week series: ‘Mary, a Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother’. Sessions will probably be scheduled Monday morning after the 9 and Wed evenings.

‘Soup and Stations’

Leslie volunteered to organize ‘Soup and Stations’ for the Fridays in Lent. Need to schedule the room – Manion Hall and promote it in the bulletin and on the website. Solicit donations of soup/bread?

Youth Minister

Brian gave a brief report.

The final candidate has withdrawn from consideration.

Reflecting back on the process, the committee made some recommendations:

- Perhaps this is not the right time for a joint hire with St Mary’s. We should look for one for St Eulalia’s only
- An Upper level faith formation coordinator is definitely needed. Ideally that person would also be a youth minister
- Current upper level coordinator will be leaving at the end of this year
- Look at the entire faith formation – Upper and Early
- Include a youth on the committee – Ailish was recommended.

Committee Reports

Finance: Anna-Marie Ferraro

OSR – The finance council has not met since the last PPC meeting; no further figures are available at this time

Catholic Appeal—Pledges total \$122,297, 102% of our \$119,915 goal. Donors total 285. Our estimated rebate is \$25,830. The balance of unpaid pledges is \$525

Liturgy: Louise Cocuzzo

It was a beautiful Christmas season.

Cardinal Sean wants to promote Eucharistic Adoration during this year of the Eucharist. We need to promote it in the bulletin.

We have Adoration the first Thursday of the month starting after the 9 o'clock Mass, ending at noon in addition to the weekly Friday night Adoration.

Re Morning Prayer – perhaps include it during the Mass.

February 12 is the feast of St Eulalia – need to plan a small celebration after the 9 am Mass that day.

Hospitality: No report

Comments and Concerns:

Were none; information was not put into the bulletin or announced at Masses.

Nominations and Election Process

Claire asked for feedback re changes made last year that should be put in the PPC constitution.

Discussion included – is there need for such a long time to accept nominations; how can we fill the youth category, should everyone willing to run be put on the ballot.

Mary, Jessica and Kelly will meet to discuss and bring a proposal to the next PPC meeting for discussion and implementation.

Gratitude Theme

Gratitude is the theme for this year.

Coordinator will work on ways to involve the early faith formation students

Need a box in the bulletin as we had for kindness. Joann did kindness and enjoyed doing it; perhaps she'd do gratitude too.

Ailish had a booklet from CAMPS on gratitude which she shared.

All PPC members are encouraged to be involved.

Date for February PPC meeting

February PPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 2/12. Fr John will be on retreat February 2-14. Other proposed dates were not workable. The meeting will be held on 2/12 without Fr John.

Re March meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 3/11, Fr John may have a conflict with 'The light is on for you' every Wednesday in Lent. Decision was made not to change the date at this time.

RE April meeting, scheduled for Wednesday 4/8, this is Holy week. Proposal made to change the meeting to Tuesday April 7 or Wed 4/15.

Closing Prayer. Fr John closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Creedon, PPC Secretary