

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 16, 2020

PRINCE OF PEACE HALL – 7PM

- I. Opening prayer provided by Parish Life Commission
- II. Roll Call: Father Ken, Father Stack, Deacon Jeff, Brenda Bertram, Annette Lyons, Dave Schnier, Sister Kathy Holland, Fran Buelow, Cindy Holiday, Tom Streveler, Dean Stone, Marla Schultz, Nancy Mathena, Hannah Eshelman, Anna Lorenzen,  
Excused: Ed Kross, Nancy Peart, LuAnn Farrell, Gloria Marcos  
Absent: Patty Johnson
- III. November Minutes – change name of Zeimet to Schultz --Fran/Cindy - approved.
- IV. Agenda – change opening prayer for next meeting to Stewardship Commission – Nancy/Fran
- V. Commission Reports
  - A. Justice and Peace – Written report submitted. (Tom)
    - Peace Soup Program – Four sessions this year. They will take place on four of the Sundays in Lent, beginning on March 3 at 6:00pm. Speakers are lined up and they would like everyone to attend.
  - B. Parish Life – No meeting to report. (Dean)
    - Women's Auxiliary salad luncheon served 239 people, grossing \$1550.00. Preparing for Father's Day bake sale.
    - Knights of Columbus made a charitable contribution to the Discovery Center fundraiser and participated in the Salvation Army Fundraiser. A memorial Mass for deceased brothers was held at the Church of Visitation in Nov. "The Man of the Shroud" exhibit in the parish hall during October had approx. 550 attendees. They helped with the Novena for Life, Altar & Rosary Society Visitation, Clinton Coalition banquet, Pregnancy Center dinner and two Eagle Scout Projects. Christmas card and Fall pie sales for scholarships were a success. Fish fry dinners will start during lent.
    - Sharing Tree - 54 volunteers this year, received 250 (up 50 from last year) names from Holiday Network. Eighteen gifts were not returned by delivery time and needed to be purchased. They will be looking at ways to reimburse the cost of these purchases. Next year there will be a sign out sheet for tracking purposes.
    - Funeral luncheon teams have been updated. Ten members removed and twelve new members added. All is going well.
    - Vocations – Nat'l Vocations Awareness Week was Nov. 3-9. Exhibits were in the gathering space focusing on the current and deceased priests. Prayer cards and information on Seminarians were distributed.
    - Special Events – Would like to increase use of the parish hall for special events. Blue Mass will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm with Bishop Zinkula presiding. The Filipino Mass and dinner was well attended, there was great food and entertainment. The Clinton Coalition for Disabled Persons banquet was a successful event. Instead of a New Year's Eve party in the parish hall, a St. Patrick's Day bash might be planned.
    - Staff Liaison – "Tree of Life" informational sheets were inserted in the church bulletin to promote the commission.
  - C. Stewardship Commission – Nancy/Dave
    - Stewardship renewal went well. Working on the schedule for next year.

- D. Worship & Prayer Commission - Written minutes submitted. (Cindy)
  - New schedule for ministries will be going out next week.
  - Easter is the next big event coming up.
  - Father Ken commended the commission for the great work done over Christmas.
- E. Evangelization –Written minutes submitted. (Fran)
  - Next Christ Life will be May 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Being commissioned to be Missionary Disciples.
- F. Faith Formation Commission – Has not met since last time.

## VI. Other Reports

- A. Parish Business Administrator – Written report submitted (Dave)
  - Stewardship Renewal – 386 commitment cards received/2082 commitments to ministries, down a little from last year. E-mail reminders were sent to all ministry leaders to complete calls to new ministry members this week.
  - Discussion on next renewal – Ministry Fair? How effective? Commissions are the hardest ministries to get new people involved in. How to better promote the commissions and get more people involved. Possibly once a month one commission will give an infomercial at mass, add insert to bulletin with tear sheet to encourage people to join.
  - Annual Diocesan Appeal – great response.
  - Parish Hall Campaign – still a large loan balance.
  - Parish donor letters mailed in Jan.
  - December was a good month with unexpected year-end stock gifts. They will be reviewing proposals from church consultants for 2020 initiatives.
- B. Deacon – (Jeff/Jeff)
  - Evangelization Mentors meeting in Iowa City has been cancelled and rescheduled.
  - Mentors have been asked to go out and help other parishes share the joy of the Gospel.
  - Luann, Jeff and Brenda will represent Prince of Peace as mentors.
  - Celebration on Corpus Christi Sunday on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Iowa City that everyone will be invited to.
- C. Director of Outreach Ministry – (Annette)
  - Befrienders will meet Tuesday, couple new members to attend.
  - Morning of Reflection for Lent – March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Going to nursing homes/assisted living for Ash Wednesday Service.
- D. Finance Council Representative - No one present
- E. Latino Ministry Representative – No one present
- F. Principal of Prince of Peace School – (Father Ken/Father Stack)
  - Father Ken updated on Nancy Peart's condition and the prayers that are being sent her way.
  - Irish Auction this Saturday.
- G. Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative – No one present
- H. Sisters of St. Francis Representative (Sister Kathy Holland)
  - January is Human Trafficking Month. Lunch and Learn at the Chamber on Fridays, different speakers will be there each week. All but three motel/hotels in Clinton have been trained to see the signs of human trafficking. House bill up now that says state employees can only stay at places where the staff has been trained.
  - March 12<sup>th</sup> will have a Lenten Day of Reflection-all are invited.

- I. Director of Faith Formation – Brenda reported.
  - Religious education program second semester hasn't started yet.
  - Bible study and faith sharing groups have started up again after the holidays.
  - Many upcoming retreats, conferences and days of reflection for both youth and adults. (CEW, womens retreat Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, mens retreat on Apr. 25)
  - Second graders received their First Reconciliation in December and are preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.
  - Confirmation gatherings have started. Confirmation is Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30am mass.

- J. Youth Representative – (Hannah/Marla)
  - Went to NCYC in November, Wonderful and fulfilling! Many types of speakers and all who attended had Mass together.
  - Music, Mass with Priests and Bishops were amazing! Adoration was phenomenal with all the people and children, it gave you hope!
  - One Bread One Cup is taking registrations – recruiting students to attend.

## VII. Continuing Business

- A. Vision 20/20 – Covered above.
- B. Annual Diocesan Appeal – Covered above.
- C. Stewardship Renewal – see Stewardship Commission report

## VIII. New Business

- A. Reflection question: How can Prince of Peace be a more vibrant parish?
  - Advise Worship & Prayer Commission of those that need rides to church. (add to bulletin)
  - All people to have an active role in the evangelization process. (Missionary Disciples)
  - Train people to be these Missionary disciples.
  - Hire consultants to help you grow the church.
  - Radio ads to reach out to people.
  - Direct mailings to those that have fallen away or inactive
  - Create events to bring families in.
  - Need to promote and share our amenities.
  - Making people comfortable, welcome and able to call it their spiritual home – the financial piece will take care of itself.
  - Facebook page? We can post our upcoming events, etc. Need to get people to Like us on Facebook and get the good word out!
  - Keep inviting and asking people to join us.
  - Connect single people to someone so they don't have to attend alone.

## IX. Adjournment – (Dean)

## X. Closing Prayer (Peace Prayer)

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00pm  
The Stewardship Commission representative will lead the opening prayer.