

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19, 2019

PRINCE OF PEACE – 7PM

- I. Opening prayer provided by Family Life Commission
- II. Roll: Father Ken, Father Stack, Deacon Jeff, Brenda Bertram, Annette Lyons, Dave Schnier, Ed Kross, Fran Buelow, Cindy Holiday, Tom Streveler, Dean Stone, Diane Tuescher, Patty Johnson, Peter Mascagni, Carmen Soesbe, Anna Lorenzen
Absent: Gloria Marcos, Patty Johnson
Excused: Sister Kathy Holland, Nancy Peart, Hannah Eschelman
- III. May Minutes – Removed Annette under Commission Reports, Letter B. Deacon Jeff/Father Ken approved.
- IV. Agenda – Peter – approved.
- V. Commission Reports
 - A. Formation – Written minutes Faith submitted – no additions
 - B. Family Life- Written minutes submitted. (Annette)
 - Vocations Committee & Marriage Prep/Sponsor Couples now under Parish Life Commission.
 - C. Justice and Peace –Written report submitted. (Tom)
 - Commission believes it would be helpful to have an educational component in Justice and Peace.
 - Goal to study documents of the Catholic Church on topics as; climate change.
 - Presentation in Advent - possibly a 90 minute presentation on Climate Change.
 - Noted there is a bulletin insert listing all social justice topics available.
 - D. Parish Life – Written minutes submitted. (Dean)
 - The Knights have taken over The Man in the Shroud Touring Exhibit which will be Oct. 11th-13th from 9am to 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Market area is 4 Diocese in a 50 mile radius of Clinton. Advertising of this in Catholic papers, bulletins, ads and radio. Will need to transport it from Libertyville as well as needing volunteers in the facility to be greeters. Also will need funds to cover expenses for this exhibit.
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Painting will be at our Parish from Dec. 6th–16th in conjunction with the Spanish Mass and celebration.
 - E. Stewardship Commission – Written report submitted. (Peter)
 - Received 40 Renewal updates
 - Sept. 28-29th Bulletin inserts will begin
 - Oct. 19-20th Lay witness presentations – Father Ken has two interested speakers. Father Stack expressed his concerns on having two speakers at each mass- extra time incurred/masses longer at Prince of Peace compared to neighboring churches. Possibly have speakers at another time – dinners/processes? He would like to see data supporting the benefit of this process. Dave Schnier expressed how important Stewardship Renewal is and its benefits. Peter shared positive comments he had heard about the lay witness speakers. Father Ken suggested splitting them up - one speaker at two of the Masses and another at the other two Masses.
 - Oct. 20th Stewardship appreciation social – need volunteers, advertisement
 - Oct. 26/27th Blue bucket collection for commitment cards
 - F. Worship & Prayer Commission - Written minutes submitted. (Cindy)
 - Blue Mass was very well attended. Knights of Columbus did a good job! Diane mentioned that Med Force would like to have the start time of 6:30pm next year. Pictures from the Blue Mass are available on the website. Father Stack suggested to have the monitor in the lobby for a weekend

to show the slide show from the Blue Mass. The commission is looking into using the monitors in the Gathering Area.

- Working on the next four month ministry schedule

G. Evangelization –Written minutes submitted. (Fran)

- Good turn out with the special invitation to all those involved with Vision 20/20.
- Set dates for Christ Life Retreats to be every year the third week of November and third week of May. Father Ken shared that Bishop Zinkula stated that Evangelization is his top number one priority for as long as he is our Bishop. The Diocese is trying to come up with names of people who might serve as mentors to help parishes explore ideas as what we might do on this topic. Father Ken encourages people to watch the talks available from the Diocese, especially the keynote talks.

VI. Other Reports

A. Director of Faith Formation: (Brenda)

- 11 youth from our parish went on a service trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp the 1st week of July in Covington KY. Would like to see more service trips back in our Parish.
- Hannah and Elaina attended One Bread One Cup in July.
- Had the Family potluck and Micheal Mette Family Concert. It was very well attended. With a special gift from some parishioners the Mette Family did a concert at the school on Monday morning which was very well received. Thank you to Irish Reunion for leaving extra food behind for the potluck.
- 10 youth and 4 adults will be attending NCYC in Indianapolis in Nov.
- Dates for upcoming sacraments: Baptism during masses throughout month of October/ First Reconciliation – Dec. 21, 2019 @ 11:00am/First Communion – May 2 & 3rd, 2020.
- Confirmation dates set: Rite of Admission to Candidacy Nov. 9 & 10th/Gatherings will begin in Jan./Confirmation at Prince of Peace on June 7th @ 10:30am with Bishop Zinkula.
- Classes begun for Sunday Family Session and Wednesday night K-Adult. Families are still registering.
- Holy Fire for Jr High Youth take place the middle of Oct. in Chicago. Registration is going on now.

B. Youth Representative – excused, Brenda reported.

C. Parish Business Administrator – Written report submitted (Dave)

- Annual Diocesan Appeal has started
- Eagle Scout projects have been completed.
- Annual financial report was attached to minutes.
- Roof repair should take place within the next week.

D. Deacon – (Jeff)

- Deacon Jeff will attend the Deacon Convocation in Davenport on Oct. 19 & 20th
- Ray Hilgendorf is continuing to make phone calls & follow up with people that have lost a loved one.
- Deacon Jeff will be having a Teachers Retreat which is required by the Diocese of Davenport. He will also be doing a retreat at Our Lady of the River in LeClaire.
- Deacon Jeff will be teaching High School Religious Education this year.
- Talking about getting monitors for the gathering space. Expense incurred approx. \$6000 (software and training)

E. Director of Outreach Ministry – (Annette)

- Did the walk this summer with The Pivotal Players in lieu of Bible Studies
- Back to Bible Studies Thurs. morn & afternoon.

- Befriender meeting next Tues.
- Presented a brochure about using your suffering and promote vocations. Try to get brochures in Spanish as well.

F. Finance Council Representative – (Ed)

- Annual Diocesan Appeal – parishioners should have received their letter and commitment card from the Bishop. Ed encourages you to respond. Pledges exceeded goal amount last year. The goal seems to be down from last year. (due to income down and relative to other places in diocese)

G. Latino Ministry Representative – (Carmen)

- Would like to have a Spanish Retreat at Prince of Peace (Cursillo). Carmen took part in a retreat in Rockford. She will be serving on a team in the coming month to help with the background and would like to bring that to Clinton
- A number of the Spanish Community attended a conference in Ottumwa in August.
- Father Ken would like someone from the Spanish Community in the spirit of hospitality to be at each of our masses to welcome people in Spanish.

H. Principal of Prince of Peace School - Written report submitted. (Father Ken)

- Enrollment down from last year (approx. 6 students)
- Bibles were provided by the Knights of Columbus to incoming 9th grade and new students.
- 6-12th grade students will have a NET Retreat on Oct. 2nd.
- 6-12th grade service day is planned for Oct. 18th.
- Four new teachers began this year and one science teacher to begin second semester. Four of the five new teachers are Catholic. We are very Blessed!
- 8th grade students will be attending Holy Fire in Chicago on Oct. 18th.

I. Diocesan Pastoral Council Representative – No one present

J. Sisters of St. Francis Representative (Dave's email)

- International Day of Peace is Sept. 21st at the Sisters of St. Francis Chapel 8am-3:30pm
- International Day of Peace on Tues. Sept. 24th at 7pm, Dr. Jennifer Harvey speak.

VII. Old Business

A. Vision 20/20 – nothing added.

VIII. New Business

A. Annual Diocesan Appeal –Discussed above

B. Stewardship Renewal – Discussed above

C. New Representatives (Father Ken)

- New Parish Council year starts in November
Peter's term is completed/Dean vice chair to chair?/Anna-secretary/Evangelization Fran -1 more year, Sharon 1 more year/W&P – Jeff completed term, need new vice chair/Cindy 2 more/Peace and Justice, Tom 1 more year, Sharon 1 more year/Parish Life, Louise needs to be replaced, possibly by Maureen Geerts-Vice Chair/Dean 1 year or more/Faith Formation - Diane 1 more, Fran 1 more as Vice Chair/Ann's term is complete/Family Life, Odelia's term is up/Patty still Ok/Stewardship, Ryan 1 more year, Luann 1 more year as vice chair/Hannah 1 more year/Gloria & Carmen – Ok/Ed always eligible.

IX. Adjournment – Fran/Diane

X. Closing Prayer – Peace Prayer

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be November 21st at 7:00pm.

The Justice and Peace Commission will lead the opening prayer.