

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

April 30, 2019

The meeting started at 6:34pm.

Present: Father David Burgard, Elliot Alfredson, Donna Banker, Fred Fedorowicz, David Heilman, Rick Kidd, Doug Kuras, Maria Liparoto, Robert McMillan(Vice-Chair), Anne Zochowski

Absent: Hugh Acosta, Lorie Bronson, Heather Hall, Roger Kidd (Chair),

Vision: To Welcome. To Inspire. To Transform. To Serve.

Mission Statement: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic community of faith, proclaims Jesus Christ through prayer, worship, celebration of the sacraments, ongoing care for those in need, lifelong faith formation and stewardship of our time, talents and treasures.

Opening Prayer/member prayer intention/reflection: Father David led the members in prayer

Final Approval for March Minutes: Approved by committee

Vicariate/Arch-Diocese Report:

Fred reported that the vicariate budget is still being worked on and should be done on time.

The PETH grant for the Hispanic Ministry has been approved for \$15,000.00. This is less than last year's award of \$20,000.00. The budget for 2019-2020 included the additional \$5,000.00. The budget will have to be amended to reflect this change.

The evangelization committee will be bringing in John Wood as a guest speaker in the park this summer.

Father David reported that Lorie Bronson has offered to help get the process going for the emergency plan for our parish.

AOD pastoral plans for each parish for Unleash the Gospel are coming together and focusing on some of the strategic planning points of the pastoral letter for the parishes to pinpoint the ways they are addressing these points. The priests will be having a meeting in June to help prepare them for this. Father David received a letter which stated that St. Mary's will be included in the first round of this process. He said that St. Michael's is also included in this first round. Father David has requested that St. Mary's be waved for this first round considering the new duties he has been assigned.

Commission Reports:

Finance Council

Every 4 years each parish goes through a limited scope audit. St. Mary's was audited in the middle of April over a 2 day period. The follow up meeting was very positive with a few minor corrections/improvement recommendations. The parish has 90 days to respond to the corrections.

Because of the moving parts with the parish and with MCS seeking a new director, extra time for the budget report, due May 15th, has been requested by Father David. June 30th will be the latest that this budget can be submitted.

MCES gave a report that they are doing very well financially this year, in addition to a successful auction.

It was discussed that a representative from the PPC and finance council should begin to attend the MCES Council meetings.

A Finance Council representative to the PPC is still in process. Father David said that they need a couple of more members on the finance council.

Two more ventilation units still need to be replaced in the school building and they are looking at this being completed over the next fiscal year. This will save a significant amount of money versus doing one per year.

Julie is recommending lowering the Sunday collection projection in the budget, as it is falling behind the projected actual. This will be further investigated in June, since numbers are starting to increase.

Christian Service

Fred reported that GodWorks can always use extra point people. They have enough right now, but more would be welcome to help in emergency situations.

Habitat for Humanity build will be on June 1. Sign-ups will be held after masses in the near future.

The greeter ministry is going strong. Name tags are being produced.

St. Vincent DePaul is down to 6 members and they are looking for new members. Training is offered for this.

The transportation ministry needs drivers to help bring parishioners to church.

The health ministry is looking for more help.

Faith Formation

Father David reported the regular sessions have ended.

They had a gathering at St. Michaels for all family's from each parish. There was a large turnout and many were touched by this event.

May 13th is the closing liturgy and ice cream social for faith formation.

30 students were confirmed last Saturday, and beginning next weekend each of the churches will begin their first communion ceremonies.

Sister Nancy and Barb will be meeting with Father David to discuss helping the parents with faith formation.

Stewardship

No report

Worship

Focus has been Holy Week, Lent, Easter. The church has been well prepared and the services for the Easter season went well.

Old Business

3D imaging digital slide show:

Have him come in and meet with the committee and council to make sure what this is, what are the options, what hidden costs could be there. Father will see if he can either attend or conference in for the next website committee.

Father David's 25th anniversary of his ordination celebration: Father David and Lorie discussed this and are targeting Saturday, August 24th for this celebration, followed by a cook-out and parking lot celebration.

PPC Operational Procedures-This will be discussed at the June meeting.

Sound System-RMW representatives came to do a few minor adjustments to the system. There was a popping sound in the system and that is still occurring. There were some adjustments to the ipads as well.

New front door-Still making minor adjustments. When the doors are locked, it has to be done in a specific way, which Father David is working on training people to do.

New Business

Fred shared that the oven in the PLC is not working correctly and he recommended it be worked on. Fred also said that one of the vacuum's in the PLC is not working.

Doug shared that John Raymond is looking for helpers to help with a section of landscaping around the church. The idea is that each section become the responsibility of different parishioners. There will be an announcement about this in an upcoming bulletin. Maria shared that she has 3 different areas of landscaping around the church and finds it very enjoyable.

Anne asked that the confessional set up in the back of the church that is designated for handicapped confessors.

Pastor's Comments:

The hiring process for the director for MCES has begun.

Father Bob will be back on May 17th.

Father David said that May crowning will be part of the 9:30 mass on Sunday, May 5th. There will also be a reception for the Neophytes after this mass.

First communions are Mothers' Day weekend at the 4:30 and 11:30 masses. There will also be first communion at the Spanish Mass.

Parish Council members, Heather, Anne and Doug's terms will be up. Father David wants to start seeking representatives interested in the position.

Father David spent some time speaking about his new assignment as the pastor transition for him. Father David said that the position was posted for a short while. Shortly after this Father David was contacted and asked if he would take on the new responsibility. Father David stated that he will be receiving a letter which will state the length of his assignment.

Father Kevin will arrive July 1st. There will be discussions on how this will all work out, and what will be best for the whole community involved. All three priests will be assigned to both St. Mary's and St. John's, and they will have to work out how this will look. Father David explained that there are a lot of things to look at and adjust to.

Father David asks for prayers for all of the priests who are facing change and new assignments.

Father David said that the Easter services were well attended.

The Thursday 12:15 mass has continued to be well attended and will continue.

Member comments:

Thank yous were given for the Stations of the Cross and the Divine Mercy reflection.

Elliot shared information on a Catholic Mens Prayer Breakfast for all of Monroe County, which meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of every month.

David shared that every First Friday, there is a reflection starting at 7:00am, at St. Michael's, and all are welcome. After this there is adoration, mass and exposition.

It was requested that a welcome be done for Father Kevin.

Next PPC Meeting- Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Closing Prayer- Father David

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Banker, Recording Secretary