

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

June 12, 2018

The meeting started at 6:30pm.

Present: Father David Burgard, Elliott Alfredson, Donna Banker, Lorie Bronson, Gay Criscio, Julie Dull (Finance Director), Fred Fedorowicz, Lorie Holden, Richard Janssens, Doug Kuras, Maria Liparoto, Robert McMillan, Bernie Smith (Vice-Chair), Anne Zochowski, David Heilman,

Absent: Hugh Acosta, 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: Lorie Bronson

PPC Member's Prayer Intention/Reflection

Approval of May minutes:

The minutes were approved by all present.

Enrichment

Father David shared a reflection called, the foundational conviction, from the New Evangelization. After reading the passage, Father David asked for comments and thoughts about the passage.

The overall message received was to be more Joyful people with gracious hospitality, to approach service in a joyful way, and to reach out to others and show our joy for the church, for God, for worship, and for serving each other.

Vicariate or Archdiocesan Report:

Fred reported that the last meeting of the current vicariate will take place at St. Marys, on June 20th at 6:30pm in the PLC. This meeting is a farewell to Father Cybulski and a rollout of the new committee.

The vicariate received the PEF grant of \$15,000, with potential for more, to support the Hispanic Ministry.

Father David reported that there will be a new vicar at some point.

Commission Reports

Finance Council

Julie Dull attended the meeting and gave an overview of the 2018-2019 budget. She stated that there are not many changes from last years budget. Julie spoke on the adjustments made to the offertory budgeted number, which will be a slight decrease, so

that it is more accurate to what we are actually receiving in a given year. The endowment income will still be coming in and it has done well.

Fred asked, if the change in the budgeted amount for offertory is because of an AOD request or for another reason. Julie responded that it is not an AOD initiative, but more of a responsible budgeting practice. There was discussion about the risk of lowering this number, and if it would create a complacency in weekly donations because of the lowered budgeted number.

The proposed budget was approved by the quorum present.

Christian Service

The training for Stephen's ministry has been completed. 6 of the 12 members are from St. Mary's. The group is now looking for people who need the assistance of the group.

Habitat for Humanity will be Saturday, June 23, 2018, and they are still looking for volunteers.

There is a blood drive at St. Mary on June 23, 2018, from 8:00am-1:00pm.

The widow's group has been a very positive experience and is having their next meeting at 11:00am on Wednesday, June 13th.

Lorie said that they are still looking for volunteers to walk in the Fair Parade.

We recently trained 2 people to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to the sick.

Faith Formation

Father David reported that Mary has been looking at numbers/statistics and looking at space utilization as well as the care needed to collaborate with the other parishes. It was determined that because of a decline in numbers, and logistics, there will be two faith formation opportunities, both located at St. Mary's, offered for the families during the next school year. Father stressed that this will be instituted with respect to all three parishes and the necessity to include all three parishes on one campus.

Father asked that all ideas be brought to Mary Quick and himself for consideration.

Father David spoke of changes being made to the area used for faith formation to make it more user friendly.

Stewardship

The new church doors are an ongoing process, with a meeting this Thursday to get input from a possible installation service. The cement work will begin in the next few weeks.

An ice cream social in the park, is now scheduled for July 26th, at 7:00, in the grassy knoll area across from St. Mary's park.

Members of the Stewardship commission were able to photograph the stained glass windows from a lift.

A called and gifted workshop will be on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at St. Mary's Parish, from 8:00am - 4:00pm.

Worship Commission

No new updates

Old Business:

The process to form the Operational Procedures for the Pastoral Council will be discussed at the July Parish Council Meeting. Doug asked that we contact the previous chairs for their input into the formation of the procedures, and it was stated that this will also be discussed at the next meeting. Lorie Holden stated that she thinks that it should be created by the whole council, not just a few individuals. She suggested creating groups with a broad range of experience within the group. Lorie stressed that this is an important endeavor and it needs a firm commitment from everyone.

Lorie Holden addressed the two newly selected members who were present at the meeting and recommended that they go to the Arch-Diocesan website, download and read the Parish Council Handbook, so that they can form a clear understanding of the role of the Parish Council.

The question was asked if the sound system is complete, and the answer was that it is complete. It was asked if the air conditioning fan can be turned off during the readings and homily, and Father David said yes. Father David and Doug Kuras will be addressing the ushers, and John Raymond, to make sure that adjustments are made.

New Business:

New officers for next year were selected as follows;

Roger Kidd-Chair
Robert McMillan-Vice Chair

The starting time for the PPC meetings was discussed. The Council agreed to keep the meetings at 6:30PM.

The first official meeting for all new members will be July 10, 2018

Action Items:

Anne has not been able to do any new research on the statue, but is planning on researching the cost of replacing versus refurbishing the statue. Maria asked to work with Anne on this endeavor.

There will be a recycling bin here for the parish and school building, issued through the city.

Comments/Questions

Doug commented that the removal of the last pew has been a very nice addition to the flow of the mass.

Pastor comments:

Father David distributed the proposed meetings for the PPC for the upcoming year.

Father also distributed an enrichment flyer about holiness and the call to holiness.

Father asked that we pray for those in transition. Father Giancarlo Ghezzi, PIME, will begin celebrating masses here at St. Mary's, on the weekend of July 14-15th. Deacon Mike Stewart will be transitioning into his role at St. Mary's during the weekend of July 7th.

Father David said that the facility is looking very nice, and the maintenance for the facility is, as always, ongoing.

Mary Beth Walsh is looking for help with the planning and facilitating of the city-wide parish picnic on the Saturday, September 8, 2018. Doug suggested that the K of C be contacted as a means of support.

Father said that 11 more crosses will be added to the memorial wall in the vestibule of the church.

Father David presented a certificate of appreciation to our three outgoing members, Gaye Criscio, Bernie Smith, and Richard Janssens. The council also thanked Lorie Holden for her dedicated service on the finance council, as she announced that she is stepping down from her position.

Father David asked the council what they thought about changing the name of the "Social Hall" to "Heritage Hall." The council agreed that this would be a more appropriate name for the hall.

Next PPC Meeting- July 10, 2018, at 6:30PM

Closing Prayer- Father David – Prayer to Unleash the Gospel

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Banker, Recording Secretary