

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

June 13, 2017

The meeting started at 6:30pm.

Present: Father David Burgard, Father Louis Lapeyre, Donna Banker, Lorie Bronson, Fred Fedorowicz, Heather Hall, Lorie Holden, Richard Janssens, Roger Kidd, Maria Liparoto, Frank McAuliffe, Jim Peltier, Bernie Smith (Vice-Chair), Anne Zochowski

Absent: Hugh Acosta, Tim Anteau, Gay Criscio (Chair), Doug Kuras

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.

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

Opening Prayer: Heather Hall

Opening Prayer for September Meeting: Anne

Introduction of new PPC members: A welcome was given to the new members of the council and a message of gratitude and best wishes was given to the departing members. Father David gave an overview of the roles of PPC members, the involvement of St. Mary's in the Monroe collaboration, and the role of St. Mary's in the vicariate and beyond.

Minutes: The May 2017 minutes were approved by email on June 13, 2017.

Formation/Enrichment: Father David spoke of the Archbishops plan to "Unleash the Gospel" and read the cover letter which gave an overview of the roadmap the Archbishop has created outlining the future goals and plans for the Archdiocese. The release and accompanying information can be found on the internet @ unleashthegospel.org

Vicariate or Archdiocesan Report:

Unleash the Gospel initiative-Archbishop's pastoral letter This was covered by Father David in the formation and enrichment portion of the meeting. Heather shared that her parents attended Saint Mary's and felt very welcome and felt the holiness within the parish and complimented the parish.

Vicariate: Fred reported that the last meeting of the year was cancelled and being done as a going away picnic for Father Mike instead.

The hispanic ministry is looking for a replacement for the coordinator.

The basket collection was questioned as to where this money goes and should it be specifically for the mass being done. Father David answered that technically Saint Mary's can claim that as an overall part of the collection, but it is tracked and it does help to supplement the cost of the service.

There is still a treasurer transition for the vicariate occurring. Fred will be taking it over.

Gatekeepers is looking for a permanent meeting room with storage for supplies where they can meet regularly.

The vicariate is developing a position for Sports Director for the CYO at the vicariate level.

The jail ministry will be taken over by Father Cybulski

There has still been no word on the new vicar selection.

Father David asked that we keep all of the priests who are going through reassignment in our prayers.

Commission Reports:

Christian Service: Habitat for Humanity has approximately 12 names and there are still open spaces for help for June 24th.

In the Spirit of Giving, is moving from the Saint Mary Academy gym to the old power house at the IHM.

Worship: The commission put together a calendar for 2018 for special and traditional services. The commission is looking at ways to freshen and enhance the ministries within the church.

There was a discussion about the training of the EME's and Father David stated that there will be trainings and refreshers for the EME's.

The welcoming greeters for weekend masses needs more people available to take part in this service.

Stewardship: Lorie Bronson shared that there are approximate numbers in for the memorial garden. This will be a self funded project through the sale of pavers. This information will be shared with all members of the parish at the June 24th Church and Grounds Open House, and the plans for the church doors will be shared there as well.

Finance: The new finance director, Julie Dull, has had to spend extra time cleaning up the accounting and because of this they have requested an extension for the final budget submission. Lorie Holden proposed that because there is not going to be another PPC meeting before the final budget will need approval, that either a meeting be held to review the budget or be approved via email. The council responded that they would prefer to call a special meeting of the parish council to review and approve the budget. The meeting will be Thursday, June 22, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall.

A walk-through of the entire campus was done to examine space/property utilization, with more updates and information in the future.

Old Business:

Vision Rollout

Review of Goals for Commissions-The goals will be written in alignment with the mission statement, the vision statement, and the goals of the "Unleash the Gospel" initiative. Once the goals are established, then each commission will work on the goals that apply to the works of their commission.

The group met and reviewed examples and samples of objectives which resulted in four goals. Each representative took the goals back to their groups for full approval. Lorie Holden read the drafted goals, which are still waiting for full approval.

*Call all people to an active life in the parish

*Create engaging faith formation opportunities for parishioners of all ages

*Reach out as a visible and welcoming presence in the community

*Serve Christ by serving others

Update on proposal for new main church doors- no changes

New Business:

Stephen Ministry Update – Ministry of accompaniment for people who are struggling in any part of their life. There will be a presentation on this Ministry on October 16th. There will be a training starting January 8th, for 20 sessions. This will be done in partnership with St. John's and possibly Saint Michael's.

GodWorks-PPC scheduled to work Friday, July 7, the following signed up to help:

4:30-6:30: Fred, Anne, Heather, Lorie Holden plus one

5:30-7:30: Frank, Richard, Maria, Kevin Holden

Selection of 2017/2018 Chair and Vice-Chair -

Bernie stated that Gay has had some changes and is not able to be the Chair. Bernie indicated that she is willing to stay on as Vice-Chair, but does not feel that she has the availability to be the chair.

Father David explained the role of chair.

Roger volunteered to serve as the chair of the council and Bernie will remain as Vice-Chair. There was a consensus to approve Roger Kidd as chair and Bernie Smith as Vice-Chair, effective, July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018.

Pastor comments

Father spoke of the Jeff Cavens scripture study and praised the participation, the positive effects of the study, and the value of studying and expressing the scripture. He said that he will be scheduling more scripture studies in the future and that there will be a variety of time commitment opportunities. Other types of enrichment opportunities were discussed as possible future offerings.

Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30 there will be a game night, where people are welcome to play any types of games and enjoy the fellowship opportunity, at the PLC. Bring a snack and/or drink.

During The Jazz Festival, August 11, 12, and 13, we will have an open church and will offer the opportunity for people to see and learn about the church. Anne will head the sign-up for this event.

Mass and picnic in the park is September 9, 2017. Mass will be in church and picnic in the park afterwards. It was suggested that the first couple of pews in front be reserved for the handicap.

A pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation in Cary, Ohio, will be Tuesday September 12, 2017, leaving at 8:00 am, a tour at 10:00, mass at 11:00, and returning at 5:30.

Father thanked all who have served on the counsel, welcomed the new members, gave thanks to the departing members, and shared best wishes and many thanks to Father Louis.

Jim handed out a collage of pictures and wrote a goodbye/thank you note for the counsel and spoke on the joys and blessings he received through his time on the counsel.

Schedule of meeting dates for 2017-2018

September 5

October 10

November 14

December dinner TBD

January 9

February 13

March 20

May 1 (if not selected as the date for Confirmation)

June 12

Next PPC Meeting- September 5

Closing Prayer- Father David

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Banker, Recording Secretary