

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes
November 12, 2019

The meeting started at 6:35pm.

Present: Father David Burgard, Father Kevin Roelant, Donna Banker, Fred Fedorowicz, Al Gallan, David Heilman, Rick Kidd, Roger Kidd (Chair), Robert McMillan, Gus Martyres

Absent: Elliot Alfredson(Vice-Chair), Salvatore Benisatto, Maria Liparoto

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 Kevin and Father David

Parish Response Emergency Situations (PRES) *The plan was available fore review starting at 6pm*

Lorie Holden explained the origin and formation of the PRES. The AOD directed all parishes to come up with this plan. The plan was based on the template the AOD provided and the committee met with community emergency planners and directors. The committee developed the plan most effective for the whole campus. There will be training for the ushers and a plan is in place to have any trained medical personnel in attendance at mass have a check in process to be available to assist if needed.

Al asked about a Nuclear Event plan, and Lorie responded that there is, a brief instruction, related to it in the plan.

Rick asked if the AOD has made an allowance for select people with concealed weapons to be in church during service. It was answered that this is something that the AOD has left in the hands of the individual churches. This will be discussed in the future.

Final Approval for October Minutes: Approved by committee

Recording Angel Monument

Roger shared that there is a proposal and it is being pursued as a community project. Maria has offered that any members of the PPC are welcome to become involved in this project as well.

Vicariate/Archdiocesan Reports

Father David said that all parishes are going to be looking closely at the needs of the church over the next 3-4 years in different waves. The information about this will continue to flow to the people, and they will be asked to share their visions and dreams to help the church move forward. This is focused on evangelizing and carrying out the goals of unleashing the gospel. Father asked the council to look at the information and learn about the upcoming endeavor.

Fred reported that they are still looking for a Hispanic minister. Father Kevin reported that the current minister is cutting back but still helping as much as she can. The search is still underway.

Fred asked about the youth ministry and Father Kevin said that there is currently no youth minister position. Fred asked on behalf of the vicariate if the Stubenville conference will still be sending students to Stubenville. Father Kevin said that they will and that Nancy will still be involved in the Stubenville retreat.

MCES Update

SMCC/MCES collaboration/Future Planning-Father David said that the team is continuing to meet and being proactive in planning for what the future may hold. He explained that a recent survey went out to families to see what improvements/concerns they have. The team will be reviewing the surveys and listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Commission Reports

Finance

The council will be putting another financial report out to the parishioners in the near future. This will be included with Father David's pastoral letter.

Christian Service

Fred reported that they are still looking for point people for the GodWorks dinners. The need for the planning and overseeing is great. Fred shared that there are plenty of volunteers to work, set up, and serve.

Father Kevin asked about reaching out to other churches and see if there is anyone interested.

Fred discussed the concerns over a person at the GodWorks dinner that brought a service dog and questioned what policy is. Father David asked if this has been discussed, and Fred said that the board will address this.

Prayer Shawl members are needed to help with this service.

The fair parade had about 10 people marching in the parade. The committee is discussing getting a trailer for next year.

Stewardship

No Report

Worship

Father David distributed the mass counts for the last seven years and discussed some of the fluctuations. The counts were done over 2 weekends per year.

Formation/Enrichment

Father David presented a program called Formed. This is a resource for movies, books, videos and other informational media. This is going to be offered to the parish as a gift at Christmas.

Old Business

Starting December 3rd, Tuesday evening mass will begin at 6:00 pm.

Fred shared that the mens group is growing and meeting at the Knights of Columbus hall. They meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday. They have coffee and donuts and an hour of prayer and sharing. Father Kevin shared that he has had some involvement with this ministry and has been working on encouraging all to work together and build a community spirit between all.

New Business/Open forums

Al asked about the stations that were donated to the church and repainted recently. He inquired about potential plans in place to put them up in the church. Father David shared that the pedestals need to be repaired and painted. He offered that if anyone would like to look at them they are welcome to.

Youth Ministry: Father Kevin shared that he is working on gathering information about youth ministry and there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks.

December Dinner: Mass at 6:00 and dinner afterwards on December 3, 2019 at Public House

Member Comments:

Member discussed having a Sunday evening mass. Father Kevin shared that this is an important discussion and there are beginning conversations about how to do this and involve the youth more.

Next PPC Meeting- Tuesday, December 3, 2019, January 14, 2020 at 6:45 pm

Closing Prayer- Father David

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Banker, Recording Secretary