

# ST. MARTHA PARISH AND SCHOOL

## Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 6th, 2022

Blessed Solanus Casey Room

Attendees: Lauren Vansteel, Dante Ianni, Andrea Patton, Albert Kearney, Fr. Mike Murray, Ron Lenz, Nichole Leemon, Germain Kowatch, Beth Buiocchi, Mark Farone

The meeting was called to order by ChairPerson, Lauren Vansteel at 5:35pm

1. Gospel Reflection: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Luke 17:11-19. Gospel read by Andrea Patton and other members commented and discussed.
2. Approval of Minutes from PPC meeting on August 4th: Approved. Motion: Dante Ianni, Second: Al Kearney.
3. Father. Mike Murrays report: Don Morgan transitioned to part time, Tony Andorfer to take on some of his responsibilities. Hallie Card is our new Director of Discipleship and will be helping with adult religious education, administrative duties and communication. Joey DiMenno is the new Director of Youth Choirs. Father Mike commented on the wonderful performance the 8th grade choir had at mass and to be on the lookout for future performances. The Autumn Fundraiser is coming up on October 22nd. Father Mike talked about Proposal 3 canvassing, email blasts, bulletin write up, daily updates-steady communication to bring this proposal to people's attention. Finances- we are in the black. The school year and religious education is off to a great start. To lessen Ivy Lynn's load in the office, we are looking for some office volunteers a few hours a week. Father Mike thanked the Knights of Columbus and Council of Catholic Women for the wonderful breakfast in September.
4. Group Reports:

School Report by Andrea Patton: Pre-school recently received a grant, still have some COVID funds to spend, classes are taking field trips since those are happening again. The Very Important Person (VIP) day in September was successful. Grandparents and other important family members came for mass, a school tour, and the book fair. Students have recently completed NWEA testing. The Salt & Light committee recently met and said the rosary. Adoration is always the first Friday of the month. Looking into having a guest speaker. It's been a busy time!

E-mailed report from Jackie Rosalez on Religious Education

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Council of Catholic Women: Germaine reported that the executive board has met two times, the September meeting had a small but mighty turnout where they had a speaker about Proposal 3. Have some new ideas for future meetings to keep them fun and engaging. The group approved sponsoring a meal at the Advent House.

Knights of Columbus: Dante Ianni reported that the breakfast was successful as well as the annual Golf Scramble. Still looking for volunteers for MSU Football game ticket taking. Dante received confirmation from Father Mike to start organizing and planning a Children's Christmas Party, an event that we haven't had the past couple of years.

Communications: Father Mike reported that Friday Updates would be happening again soon. Continued thanks to Dave and Judy for all their help.

St. Vincent dePaul: Al reported that the group is experiencing financial stress due to the pandemic. There is a need to raise more money due to inflation. Discussions about the Bread Ministry and how the space they have been using has become insufficient. Volunteers to look at garage space to see what can be improved.

Evangelization: Beth reported that there was a great turnout for the speaker, Brian Lenz, 63 people one night and 43 the next, it was also streamed online. Looking into having Sister Joseph Andrew as a future speaker. The committee is looking at offering the Alpha series around Christmas and The Search after Christmas. The group is in discussion about a future speaker and dinner night. Family Adoration in December, March and May.

5. Responses to Parish Ministry/Organization Survey for 2022/23 and promotion plans: Lauren shared information that she received from ministry leaders. Discussion about how to share various ministries with parishioners. Some ideas were an article in the bulletin, a "advertisement" on the monitors in the lobby areas, groups set up in the glass hallway, a short presentation after mass, etc.
6. New Business: Parish Pastoral Council to help host donuts on April 2nd. Sign up sheet was passed around.
7. Closing Prayer was said by Father Mike

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Next meeting date December 1st, 2022 @ 5:30pm

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