

Pastoral Council Minutes March 20th, 2018

Chairman Chad Archer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Mission and Faith First

- Rick Zanardo shared a prayer

II. Mission Effectiveness and Pulse of the Parish

- Positive things we are doing:
 - Mike Myers expressed how effective the Fr. Pflieger video had been during Mass. He also mentioned how this Lenten Mission had the making of surpassing previous missions in money raised as well as spiritual effectiveness.
 - Rick Zanardo mentioned an article in the Daily Herald with positive mention of parish activities.
 - Bill Leece also made mention of how powerful the Fr. Pflieger video had been during Mass.
- Negative things we are doing or could be doing better :
 - Fr. Terry mentioned our parish connection with Millennial continues to be a work in progress and needs to be better.
 - Rick Zanardo mentioned the pew space article and how there is also space at the front of the Church during services. Jack Shedd made mention that he finds the “Teen Spirit” expressed during their Mass to be inspiring and suggested that the celebrant at other masses to invite anyone looking for a seat to come to the front in a welcoming fashion.
 - Logistical and organizational issues were mentioned about the EM and usher sign ups. Sometimes it is unclear as to how much support there may be at each Mass celebration. Clarifications were made about EM washing of hands and the duties of station 10.
 - Bernie Schaeffer made mention of some auditory tech issues. One being the muffled sounds of the mic during Fr. Pflieger’s presentation and the other being the microphone popping and cracking during the 5pm Mass.

III. Approval of the Council Minutes

- Chad Archer clarified Bill Leece’s question regarding the previous minutes regarding the term “we are all in it together.”
- Bernie Schaeffer motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Barbara Knuth seconded the motion. All approved.

IV. Family & Teen Faith Update

- Peg was under the weather and could not attend the meeting to give the update. Rick Zanardo gave the update to the council.
- All Catechists received training in emergency procedures.
- The Prayer Festival took place in March was opened up by Fr. Terry. The Labyrinth was found to be a huge success and well liked as it introduced a variety of prayers and homework to all that navigated its passages.
- The 4th graders received and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Third to sixth graders received training as Table and Light Ministers.
- There was mention that only two faith classes remaining in April.
- Adam's Apple year end performance will take place on April 15th
- Registration for summer Spirit Camp will start soon and volunteers are needed.
- Pasta Palooza will take place April 14th.
- Teen Mission Trip: teens will travel to a service project between July 22nd and July 28th.
- The junior high school service overnight will take place in August but the date is yet to be determined.
- There will be college ministry this summer and bible study is currently underway.

V. Pastor's Report

- The tradition of new EM's distributing the Blessed Sacrament at their own Confirmation was continued this year.
- The Lenten Social Justice Project goal of \$25k was surpassed as the total was closer to \$35k. Many parishioners asked, "what else can I do besides writing a check?"
- Strong Futures Program engages in job training and interview training. Suits, ties and shoes are three items that are required by the program.
- Triduum Schedule is set for Easter and volunteers are needed.
- There will be no 9am Passion Play this year.
- Fr. Terry's Sabbatical will no longer be six months but rather the months of April and May. He will be staying at retreat houses in Montana and Wyoming enjoying the great outdoors and focusing on writing projects.
- Strategic Planning :
 - Mike, Luis and Fr. Terry met to develop, focus, and create direction on the millennial parish efforts.
 - One of the initiatives is to drive the Harper College connections made during Ash Wednesday to generate answers to a survey.
 - Potentially create a pizza night open study session at Holy Family.
 - There was mention of career oriented counseling for college and high school students by industry specific parishioners.
- One in Love Ministry is a point of interest for the Cardinal and a positive article will be written about the ministry so that Holy Family can be an example for the rest of the Archdiocese.

- Emergency Response Initiative has been established and all rooms have a bag in place. Run/fight/hide instructions letting people know what to do in case of an emergency are in place. (There was mention of Fremd's police increase as a response to a shooter threat.)
- Forty-five people signed up for Lenten small groups.
- St. Joseph's Table Event was a huge success.
- Chad Archer made mention that the \$18,500 per person Illinois State tax credit donation is still available and that not all of the \$100mm set aside for the credit had been claimed.
- Cards during Lenten Reconciliation Service were passed out. The cards are meant to be passed forward to someone else. The theme being that, " Hope is Alive."

VI. Gala Recap

- \$200k net raised for parish by the event. It was deemed a success as it funds various programs for the parish
- We should remain vigilant that the Gala is not a fundraiser for the Academy but rather the parish as it funds Adam's Apple, Beloved retreat, and many more.
- Raised \$54k in the paddle raise this year.
- Major positive outcomes include that the food was excellent, wine for sale by the bottle was a success, decorations were stellar, and silent auction bidding started early this year.
- Some negatives issues that could be improved upon were the poor sound quality, silent auction room had poor flow, and there was a major issue with the company that fell down on us regarding the number of iPads.
- Check in/Check out service will not be rehired.
- The location for event may not be repeated given logistical constraints for an event of our size.

VI. Other Needs

- Chad Archer gave recap of his visit to the Deanery downtown. He mentioned Vicar General Ron Hicks's presentation. The presentation dealt with The Archdiocese parish grouping initiative called Renew My Church. There are 5 phases:
 - o Activation
 - o Discernment
 - o Accomplishment – executing what is discerned
 - o Transition- new leadership placed and subject change specialists engaged
 - o Building a new reality
- Chad also gave an update of Hicks's breakdown of the Invest in Illinois Tax Credit
 - o Out of the \$100mm available, only \$47mm have been pledged.
 - o Out of the \$47mm pledged \$43mm is in Lake and Cook County
 - o Out of the \$43mm in Lake and Cook County \$30mm benefits Catholic schools

- o \$53mm still up for grabs
- Other items in the update include the fact that Holy Name Cathedral sold its parking lot for \$110mm dollars to pay down some of the \$360mm debt burden of the Archdiocese .

Jack Shedd gave a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Luis Gutierrez