



## St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

- Meeting: September 19 ,2016 @ 7PM
- Present: Fr George, Fr Chris, Deacon Hickey, Deacon Zeich, Carolyn Barnes, Anne Dailey, Pat Switchenko, Jenny Anastasio, Pamela Larson, Carol Salerno, Madeline Manchuk and Steve Sozanski
- Fr Chris led us in opening prayer/ Minutes from 8/15/16 were accepted
- Steve gave an update on the Habitat project
  - Sheathing has been placed on the roof and progress has been made
  - Ample quantity of volunteers
- Pamela presented the revised trifold-reviewed by the committee and some comments were made
  - Fr George asked to change the caption in photo to “St. Pius X Rectory/Parish Office”
  - Pat suggested adding a date as a footer
  - Jenny thought we could drop off brochures at the chamber
  - Fr George also expressed concern that the Mass schedule is not accurate; however most thought that this was covered through the notation with the \*.
  - School web site link will be added
  - Brochures will be printed at the school and Fr George offered to reimburse school for the ink
  - Print 250 copies for starters; initially drop off at doors of church and chamber
  - Pamela was thanked for her excellent job
- Carol discussed the prayer card that she and Steve Booth created
  - Being distributed by Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound; working out well.
  - Carol described different options for displaying prayer card at the entrances. Fr George was concerned that the wind could be a problem at the side doors and they might stick out.
  - Carol found a classy, attractive wooden brochure holder (holds four flyers) which could be mounted next to the bulletin board. Perhaps the bulletin board could be moved.
  - It was decided that one holder could be purchased for the front entrance before planning for the side entrances
  - When prayer cards are displayed, it could be mentioned in the bulletin. In addition, the Prayer of the Faithful could be mentioned each month.
  - Carol was thanked for her efforts and she extended her gratitude for the work that Steve did.
- Steve presented a update on the recycling program
  - All recycling containers are in
  - Some confusion exists about what is recyclable
  - Need clarification from the company on what happens if the wrong items are recycled
  - Jenny agreed to discuss the program with the Bingo group if a script is prepared. However, it was agreed since it is still a work in progress, it is premature to address the group.
  - Diane in the office has been working with the company
- Jean Kelly’s Mass and retirement party on Sunday, 8/21/16 was well-attended. Thanks were offered to all who helped.

- The Bible and Virgin Mary program on Mondays in the Life Center started 8/29/16, where about 75 people attended the first night. The program will extend to 11/21/16. Lower attendance (25 – 30) tonight was attributed to the parish council members who were at our meeting and could not attend the Bible Program. In addition, some people may not like to travel in the dark.
- Will start working with a graphic designer for \$125/issue. Less newsletters are needed since more parishioners are getting online. Still need a reporter.
- First Responders Special Mass on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 was a great idea . Well –attended; Deacon Akin was recognized for doing an excellent job.
- Deacon Mike discussed the upcoming Mass for families of deceased on 11/6/2016 at 10:30 AM. All who have died in our parish, who had a funeral here in the past year, will be announced. There will be a reception at the Life Center after the Mass.
- Fr Chris announced that there will be a mandatory Eucharistic Minister refresher course in the fall. Date TBD. Need consistency in practices. Lorraine has a list of the homebound Eucharistic Ministers.
- Fr George shared 3 copies of “Resisting Happiness” by Matthew Kelly. The parish gave out 1,500 books last year at Christmas, and he was looking for direction to see if we should do it again this year. He asked if anyone could review one of the copies and respond back to him with their thoughts by next week.
- Religious Education building is finished.
- Fr George will be leaving on his Sabbatical on 10/2/2016 and he spoke about his plans.
- Deacon Mike led the closing prayer.
- Next meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM
  - Opening prayer-Pat, Closing prayer-Anne, Minutes-Steve (who graciously offered to take minutes the rest of the year!)