

St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Meeting date – March 7, 2016

Present: Fr. George, Fr. Chris, Deacon Mike Hickey, Deacon Dick Zeich, Karen Boucher, Pamela Larson, Jean Kelly, Joe Pappalardo, Carolyn Barnes, Steve Sozanski, Jenny Anastasio, Pat Switchenko and Madeline Manchuk

Opening Prayer: Jenny read the Prayer Card which was in memory of Geneviere Helen Cormier, followed by Psalm 23.

1. **Minutes** of November 16, 2015 were accepted.

2. **Old Business:**

- a. **Habitat for Humanity** – Prior to the meeting, Steve emailed information pertaining to upcoming fundraising events for Habitat for Humanity. Of the \$55K goal, they have attained \$44,589 to date. Steve is part of a four-man team (“Holy Rollers”) participating in Rock the Roll on 4/1/16 at Ryan Family Amusements in South Yarmouth as a fundraiser. The next event is “Tiaras and Toolbelts” on 4/28/16 at the Wequassett Resort in Harwich, where Steve has reserved a table for 8 – 10 people. On 5/14/16, there will be a concert with “We are the Men” held in our Parish Life Center.

Steve then showed floor plans of the house, which is one of six houses on the lot, and he anticipated the wall raising in the June/July timeframe. He also described the Beam-A-Thon and Shingles programs. For the 10 homes in both Yarmouth and Chatham, there were 47 applicants. Steve will serve on the Selection Committee. More information will be available in the newsletter and bulletins.

NOTE: After the meeting, Steve clarified the numbers. He informed us that there were 44 applications for Yarmouth and 42 for Chatham; 47 applied for both. A total of 63 families applied for this round.

- b. **Diocesan Task Force** - Questionnaires (five part) are being redeveloped and expected to be distributed to the parishes in April. The objective is to better understand what is going on in the parishes, to determine maintenance mode vs. mission and to decide how to continue to grow. More information is coming.
- c. **Afternoon of Reflection** –There was a consensus that the event with Fr. Dan Cambra on January 10th was successful and well-received. Deacon Mike commented that Fr. Cambra followed through with the many novenas he delivered. Jean said there were topics addressed that could be tackled: 1) Outreach to new parishioners and 2) Recycling in the parish. Joe suggested that the coupon in the bulletin filled out by prospective new church members could be expanded to ask if the new members wish to be contacted. Fr. George suggested that

both topics be included on the next PPC meeting agenda. He added that the PPC could introduce the initiative to determine if there is interest in the parish and could set up guidelines.

- d. **Jubilee of Mercy** – Fr. George stated that Jenny’s Opening Prayer did a marvelous job explaining what mercy is all about. Examples that the PPC could adopt include wearing our name tags, smiling, be visible and welcoming people. Deacon Mike also said that the 24 Hour Adoration had great attendance.

3. New Business:

- a. **PPC Newsletter Article** – Joe is leading an effort to write an article about our PPC in the newsletter. At the meeting, he distributed a survey to the membership asking them to 1) suggest topics that should be included in his article and 2) indicate if they would like to be future regular contributors to the newsletter.
- b. **AT&T** – Although there was a signed contract with AT&T for placing antennas on the chapel steeple, they have backed out.
- c. **Fr. George** – Fr. George announced his intention to retire, as he turns 70 in July. He was accepted in a two-month Sabbatical in Rome in October & November, during which time he will leave Fr. Chris in charge as Administrator of the parish. Fr. George plans to return to our parish after his Sabbatical remaining until the end of the year. He was then congratulated on his plans. Another topic to be addressed at the next meeting is how the PPC wants to proceed in the future and whether modifications should be considered.

A group picture of the PPC was taken during the meeting.

Closing Prayer – was led by Jean.

Next Meeting: April 4th, 7:30PM

Opening Prayer – Karen

Closing Prayer – Pat

Minutes – Pam

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Switchenko