

St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Meeting date - March 23, 2015

Present: Fr. George, Fr. Chris, Anne Dailey, Jean Kelly, Pamela Larson, Steve Sozanski, Jenny Anastasio, Karen Boucher, Kelby Karnes, Pat Switchenko, Joe Pappalardo, and Julie French

- Note: The February 23, 2015 meeting was cancelled due to weather and illness.
- Opening prayer – Fr. George
- Minutes from 11/17/14 were accepted. (Kelby mentioned that he has been checking the PPC email account, as there was concern in the November meeting that perhaps it hadn't been monitored.)

Old Business:

Parish Website update

- The Bereavement Booklet and other pertinent funeral literature is now available on our website. This has been extremely helpful to the Bereavement Committee when assisting families in planning funerals long distance.
- The Women's Society information hasn't been added yet and the Guild & Club information has not been deleted. It's a work in process.
- Steve has been contacting the different ministries email addresses to update and make corrections.
- The website is being updated mostly by Julie and the mobile site by Steve.
- A meeting will be set-up between Neil Dillon, Steve & Julie to discuss the GoDaddy host and resolving issues, perhaps upgrading or going to a different website host. The goal is something more user-friendly.

Habitat for Humanity – Steve reported

Because of the severe winter, the Yarmouth Build has been postponed until the Spring of 2016. Steve feels that on one hand this gives us more time to fundraise but on the other hand it is hard to cultivate long-term enthusiasm for a project. Habitat is willing to come and give informational sessions to different groups.

Habitat has given two ideas for fundraisers to consider. A Beam-athon or a Shingle-athon or both, as a means to purchase the building materials, are possibilities.

Steve has begun a dialogue with Ken Jenks, principal of DYHS, to get the high school involved with the effort. Some possibilities being discussed are: beginning a chapter of Habitat for Humanity as a club activity and having the Drama & Music departments put on homeless themed productions.

Dave Akin will speak in July about Habitat and the Yarmouth Build and the involvement of the Parish. Publicity will precede in the weeks prior, as well as the possible fundraisers mentioned above.

Parish Newsletter – Fr. George reported

The MacAuliffes are handing the reigns of the newsletter over to a few new faces. Jackie Rockwell and Catherine Showalter are leading the gang. The mailing crew is mostly the same. July 1st is the date that 2900 newsletters are due to go out with the article submission deadline of June 15. The committee is looking into electronic mailings as an option for interested parishioners. Some back issues of the newsletter are now available on the website.

PPC Day of Reflection presenter, Joe Daly – Evaluation

General consensus was that everyone enjoyed the “day of retreat” and having the opportunity to grow spiritually both as individuals and as a group. Members expressed that Joe fostered good interaction between members and appreciated the separate prayer space he provided. He introduced Pope Francis’s Joy of the Gospel. We are to read the Introduction in preparation for our next meeting on April 26th.

New Business

Pope’s Encyclical, The Joy of the Gospel

Fr. George proposed that we use a group reading guide of The Joy of the Gospel as our opening prayer for our meetings, giving opportunity for reflection and sharing. Fr. Chris suggested we all take turns facilitating. He volunteered to be the first to lead.

Future Vision

We reexamined two Diocesan Pastoral Council documents, the Characteristics of a Vibrant Parish and the Obstacles to a Vibrant Parish. Many suggestions were brought forth in response to the Characteristics, such as providing lector training, increasing our number of Eucharistic Ministers for the homebound, having a ministry fair at one of the Breakfasts this summer. Comments were also put forth regarding the Obstacles.

Fr. George refocused our attention to examining and identifying where we stand as a parish using both of these documents. Our homework by next meeting is not to plan actions but identify what are the strengths and where are the obstacles for our parish, using the documents as our guide. Once identified, plans of action can follow.

Few items mentioned not on the agenda

Karen brought up the topic of having free booklets/resources available in the Church especially at the holidays. Fr. George mentioned that Deacon Hickey has also explored a similar option and discussed it at a Staff meeting. Something to discuss again and to be on the lookout for a good affordable publications for some type of display in the future.

Jean mentioned Catholic Night at Fenway and will pursue the option for parish involvement.

No updates on the cell tower at the Chapel.

Jenny led us in the closing prayer.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:30 pm. Fr. Chris will lead the opening prayer, Kelby will provide the closing prayer, and Anne will take the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie French

