

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL- MAY 9, 2016 MINUTES

Present: Father George Bellenoit, Father Chris Peschel, Deacon Mike Hickey, Madeline Manchuk, Joe Pappalardo, Pat Switchenko, Pamela Larson, Jean Kelly, Karen Boucher, Steve Sozanski, Jenny Anastasio, Carolyn Barnes, Carol Salerno, and Ann Dailey

Karen lead us in opening prayer.

Minutes Accepted

Old Business:

a. Habitat for Humanity- Steve

There will be a We Are the Men concert here at St. Pius this Saturday and also a youth car wash at the Yarmouth Town Hall from 10-2 as fundraisers.

There will be an info meeting about the build for volunteers at St. David's on Thursday, June 23, 6 p.m.

The two teams from our parish, the Holy Rollers and the Alley Angels, raised \$3,000 for the Roll the Rock fundraiser. The Holy Rollers also won for best costume.

The ecumenical build needs to raise \$55,000 towards their home and currently around \$50,000 has been raised.

b. Diocesan Task Force- Pastoral Planning

There is an article in the bulletin discussing the diocesan survey, and a link on the parish website, encouraging parishioners to participate. It takes about 15 minutes; there are five sections to the survey. Feedback will be given to the parishes in the fall. So far about 2,500 have been completed. This will ultimately give a picture of all the parishes and help the diocese to plan for the future.

There is a core group selected from each parish to complete a longer version of the survey, with one group response submitted. Our core group, representing a range of ages and ministry involvement, has been meeting regularly and will complete the survey on time.

c. Potential PPC Undertakings

Two topics came out of Day of reflection that we would like to explore further:

1. Outreach

There had previously been a welcoming committee, however, it has since dissipated. Welcome dinners for new parishioners happened every few months. We would like to see this happen again, including having different parish ministries represented to welcome and educate our new members. Steve suggested incorporating it into the monthly breakfasts.

There was also discussion about overhauling the previous ministries book and folder to hand out to new parishioners from the rectory and also have a smaller brochure available at the church and chapel during the summer months.

Madeline will discuss with the Women's Society to see who may be interested in helping with the dinners.

Carol, Karen, Jenny, Pamela, Madeline and Carolyn will look into this further and report back to us.

Joe also mentioned starting potluck suppers for everyone, not just new parishioners, as an outreach program.

2. Recycling

Recycling from the religious education building and the school go through the town's disposal. We discussed the purchasing of bins, and educating the various groups that use all the buildings, so everyone is equally informed and can participate. There was discussion of what may or may not be co-mingled when using the town's facilities. Jean, Steve, Ann and Jenny will look into this further and report back to us.

d. Newsletter Article

Joe wrote a wonderful article for the newsletter about the PPC. Thank you, Joe, for sharing your talents to highlight us!

New Business:

a. PPC Meetings in October & November and Nominations

Father George suggested not having nominations or meetings this fall while he is away. He asked if we would possibly be willing to serve another term instead of making new nominations. If a new pastor comes on board next June, changes may take place to the PPC anyway. All were in agreement. And we are willing to support Father Chris in any way we can while he is Administrator.

b. Our New Seminarian

We have a seminarian with us for the summer, Steven Booth. He will be with us until late August. Welcome!

c. Pat mentioned security protocol in the church in case of emergency. Currently there is no plan in place.

d. Madeline noted someone mentioned having gluten free hosts available at Mass. Different parishes handle allergy issues differently. This can be difficult do to because of refrigeration and other issues. We do have a separate chalice available for those with allergies/sensitivities. Father George said anyone can discuss these issues with him if they have concerns or need further assistance.

e. Continued repairs on religious education building- the necessary paperwork has been sent into the diocese. Permission and insurance needs to be in place before the work can continue/finish.

Pat led us in closing prayer.

Our next meeting is **Monday, June 20, 7:00 p.m.** for which Father Chris volunteered to lead us in opening prayer, Deacon Mike for closing prayer, and Ann will take minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Larson