

St. Pius X Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes:

Meeting Date: December 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Present: Julie French, Karen Boucher, Matt MacKechnie, Deacon Richard Zeich, Jean Kelly, Steve Sozanski, Rosemary Akin, Kelby Karnes, Maureen Bach, Betty Tormey, Fr. Jason, Fr George.

Opening prayer was led by Fr George

Minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2013 were accepted

Fr. George commented on Michelle's email and asked if we had all received it and read her last correspondence as a Pastoral Council Member. We acknowledged that we had.

We started with discussions to evaluate Information night and Discernment night

Julie and Matt agreed that it was the best they were ever exposed too and we all agreed

Fr. Jason commented that the video was right on and well explained, compact, and the social piece was good and that he was not sure if that was planned or spontaneous.

Deacon Richard shared with the group that the cross section of ages in the group was a good representation for St. Pius members. It seems as though the nominated are always the active parish members. He also mentioned that we should target the younger members in social Medias such as Facebook, twitter, etc., we all agreed

Julie asked us to consider next year in preparation for the information night having PPC members share at Mass a brief explanation, of their experience as a member. It might help others to understand our role (something on the idea of Stewardship Sunday) we agree that we should all brainstorm for other ways to be more visible.

Steve suggested having a link to the website with the videos about being a PPC member (others commented that that would be a bad idea because we use it for the information night)

Betty commented that a good way to communicate about the PPC is at the monthly breakfast. She has found success with that

Deacon Richard made an observation to the group that the numbers used to be higher on the information night and Maureen commented that we had over 80 this year and nominee letters went out to all

Deacon Richard shared that the PPC would attend the 10:30 Mass together and it made us more visible

Fr. George would like us to follow up with these ideas and expand on them at a later date

Betty thought that it would be wise to make announcements at Mass about the things that we are working on and Fr. George responded by saying that they like to keep announcements at a minimum

Fr. George asked us about Discernment night and he thought it was good and we all responded yes to that observation

Fr. George mentioned the Day of Reflection and the responses to the change of date to January 12th instead of the 19th. It seems that everyone can make it. Fr. Stan was called an was unable to accommodate us

Fr. Tom Washburn is available to facilitate the day for us

So The Day of Reflection will be 1:00 - 6:00 PM on January 12, 2014 ending with the 5:00 PM Mass with and a picture taken of the PPC in the church

Re: Parish Pastoral Councilor Leadership Training with Diane Rinkacs

The picture in the Anchor was great and so was the write up. Thanks Steve

Fr. George thanked everyone who got there early for set-up and stayed for clean up. He said that Diane was very grateful

Jean responded to Fr. George's question about reporting on the 60th anniversary celebration and she said that there was no meeting since the last time we met

Fr. George announced that AT&T is in the process of signing a final agreement with the equipment located inside the steeple. No cost to us.

Regarding current recycling and going green Jean said, she will be getting people together sometime in January

Kelby was asked any news on emails and his response was none

Steve asked about statistics after workshop on Parish Pastoral Council's- Fr. George stated that not enough parishes have one yet

Fr. Jason mentioned maybe having more time to submit the nominating ballots- being distributed at church, so that parishioners can take them home and they can bring them back the following weekend. Deacon Richard said maybe an extra envelope to bring them back would be helpful

Fr. Jason and Fr. George suggested that we keep a record of these suggestions and look back on them at our August meeting

Deacon Richard brought up the fact that the parishioners don't know enough about St. Pius the Tenth School we should integrate the parish and the school

Fr. George explained that Anne Dailey (new Principal) has made great efforts to represent the school to the parish by having representatives at the breakfasts, open house to grandparents (which Matt acknowledged was a wonderful way to get to know the school and its mission) she is trying to breech to gap

Betty asked how many students are from our parish and Fr. George said half

Jean stated that some have no need to be involved with the school (children grown...) but the generosity of those parishioners is well received

Matt suggested a Parishioners day and Steve said what a Cori nightmare

Steve stated that a representative of the school should sit on the board. It was brought to our attention by Fr. George that the last principal was asked but came very infrequently.

Fr. George acknowledged the importance to bring this up with Anne Dailey (Principal) who might be interested or may appoint a person to be a representative for the school, so he will talk to Anne

Steve asked Fr. George if he is actively working on an appointed member and he responded that he was

Steve was asked by some of the members to fix name-tags possibly with magnetic backs (old & new members)

Preparatory Document the Bishops received for next year's Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be held next October with the theme "Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization. They would like the Pastoral Council Members to respond by December 7th- Fr. George said feel free to answer as many questions as you can, it is for our benefit

Fr. Jason asked to have the link emailed to us (it has already been sent to us since our meeting)

We were all asked to read the book Rebuilt by Michael White & Tom Corcoran -the story of a Catholic priest of the diocese

The staff is reading it and Fr. George would like us to read it

Fr. Jason read it and commented on it and said that this priest saw a need and did something about it, communicated it, re-evaluated it, prayed about it and repeated the process again and again. It's all about being united as disciples of Jesus Christ

Fr. George counted 9 hard copies of the book to be ordered (some will read eBooks)

Fr. George thanked Betty and Maureen for their years on the board and the gift of their presence

Julie asked Fr. Jason what he thought about having a series on Fr. Robert Barron on The New Evangelization this next year and maybe Jeff Cavins Catholic Bible Study

Steve talked about goals. He expressed that we don't have goals for the parish with four areas to work on like we have had in the past. He felt we haven't been doing that anymore. He asked if we should re-examine this.

Matt said this was not what a PPC is for and we assured him it was

Fr. George asked him to look up the past outlines and accomplishments to review for future meetings and share with us

Fr. George in conclusion explained that it is about listening, wearing name-tags, speaking and listening to parish members and thinking of concrete ways that we can get to know the things going on in our parish family

Next meeting is February 24, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Opening prayer will be Matt

Julie will be the secretary

Karen will do the closing prayer

