

St. Mary's Pastoral Council

St. Mary's Office Building

Agenda /NOTES

8 March 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Chairwoman, Bev Tolle

Moment of silence to reflect on the Presence of the Lord:

Opening Prayer: All, led by David Lanning

Roll Call: Secretary:

Present:, Robert Fyffe, Bev Tolle, Dennis Alberta, Mike Benson, Father Hummer, Joy Maxwell, Marilyn Evans, Mark Unger, Rachel Corcoran, Ray Martin, Laura Corcoran, Katie Boesch, Karen Leeth, , Dave Lanning, Jen Slater

Absent: Diane Neal, Don Gatchell, Dianne Morgan, Sue Blum,

Recognition of Visitors: none

Spiritual Reading, Reflection, and Faith Sharing: David Lanning reflected on a reading about alms giving from a book which contains a compilation of spiritual stories. The reflection invited us to think about how giving can cover many sins, as is discussed in scripture and how often times generosity isn't evenly distributed. We must take a good look at ourselves to see if we are being generous. It can be difficult to see your way to giving sometimes, when you don't think you have much to give, however, stewardship involves giving to others if they are more in need than yourself. Father Hummer added that society seems to be driven by capitalism, with the biggest danger being overwhelming greed, which drives economic activity. The gospel isn't worried about systems but, rather making sure that all put alms giving at the highest level of importance. He also referenced the gospel of Matthew (25:37): "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?'" The bottom line is if you do for the needy and poor, that is where "the bread is buttered."

Reading of the Pastoral Council Constitution: Rachel Corcoran read Article VII; **Article VIII** will be read at the April meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: Approved.

Chairman's Remarks: None

Committee Reports:

Spiritual Life - Katie Boesch

Reminder to advance your clocks one hour next weekend

RCIA Catechumens and Candidates attended the Rite of Election this past weekend in Columbus. They were very moved by the program.

First Eucharist is Saturday, April 8 at 11 a.m. Seventeen children will be receiving.

Baccalaureate Mass will be Sunday, May14th at 11:00 a.m.

Request was made to help wash albs for Easter: Jen Slater and Rachel Corcoran volunteered.

A request has been made to pass out bottles to collect change in support of the Drug Free America Club.

- *Table until the May Meeting to gather further information*

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Education –Laura Corcoran

Thank you to the parish for support of our fish fry! The first fish fry was unbelievable! All proceeds go toward the junior high class trip to New York City.

The Reverse Raffle raised over \$13,000! Thanks to all who supported! All proceeds go to the general fund for operating.

We completed our STEM application and hope to hear more at the beginning of April about whether or not we will be rewarded the STEM designation by the state of Ohio.

Registration is now open for preschool, prekindergarten, and kindergarten. Kindergarten screening is April 11th. Also, Ed Choice Expansion and John Peterson Scholarship applications are now being accepted through April 30th. These scholarships can provide full tuition for your child if you qualify.

Social Concerns - Dave Lanning reviewed the stats for February. There were 106 visits with a total of \$3163.21 distributed. The largest dollar amounts went to food and utilities respectively.

SVDP received a grant from the Chillicothe JCs Christmas Gala of \$500.

St Mary's is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive, March 14th in the Family Life Center from 12:00-4:45. Local and Diocesan SVDP members will meet with the CEO of Chivaho Credit Union and to discuss the potential of making microloans to clients.

Family Life & Lazarus Committee - Karen Leeth

Our committee would love for you to consider getting involved with our group but most importantly serve God, find fellowship and meet the needs of our parish. Please contact Karen Leeth at 703-8582 or leethfamily@roadrunner.com to get involved.

Lazarus Committee

No luncheons were served in the month of February. If you would like to help or just provide a dish please contact Pat Reed at the church or Karen Leeth. Food is always welcome.

Finance Council

Agreed to give \$500 to each of two shelters in town

Getting pricing for new carpet in the office

Pricing painting for the upstairs area of the office

In March, the roof project for the rectory is scheduled to start

The offertory income is slightly ahead of our monthly goal

Deanery Report: No report

Knights of Columbus

The St. Patty's day Dinner and Movie will be held on March 18th after Mass

An Easter Dinner is planned for April 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

June 4th is set for a Golf Outing at the VA golf course. Check in is at noon.

June 18th is the annual trip to see the Cincinnati Reds. Bus/game \$45/person. Contact Greg Davis.

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Pastors Report – Father Hummer will be gone the week of March 19th, returning March 24th. School Mass will be canceled.

Old Business:

Senior Citizen Assistance Program: No report

150 Year Anniversary of the Church: Karen Leeth

Our History month was a great success. Several historical pieces have been brought in by many of the families. Joan D'Antoni, had everything beautifully displayed for all of us to view. Everyone enjoyed their stroll down memory lane, while enjoying light refreshments.

March we will host an St. Patrick's Irish Dinner & Movie on March 18th . The Knights will be preparing some corn beef but would like the parishioners to bring in their favorite Irish dish, side or salad. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Dinner will be served at 6:00, movie will be shown around 7:30pm.

The Directory is almost ready, still missing just a few details.

Please join us the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 in the Parish office. We welcome everyone to get involved, this is YOUR church so, and WE NEED your ideas. Next scheduled meeting is March 20th at 6:30pm. Please watch the bulletin for details.

New Business: Pastoral Council recruiting process starts in May, with new members being selected by the Holy Spirit through Father Hummer's hand, at the end of the Saturday Pentecost Mass in June. Traditionally, an outgoing member (leaving pastoral council in 2017) chairs the recruiting committee, which is made up of the newest members of the Pastoral Council, who were selected in 2016. The new members develop a short essay about their experience as a member of the pastoral council and will present it at the end of one of 3 Masses, several weeks ahead of the selection and explain the nomination and selection process. After the Mass the member speaks at, they will collect names of nominees. After the names are collected, the people who were nominated are called by the recruiting committee who encourage accepting the nomination. Once the calls are made, the names of those accepting the nomination will be put into the hat for the selection process.

Correspondence: None

Secret Collection for St. Vincent de Paul:

Moment of silence:

Closing Prayer: Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer

Next meeting: April 5th, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council Prayer Schedule: April: Jen Slater, May: Joy Maxwell