

Parish Pastoral Council
Date: November 14, 2018

Present: Fr. Rob Cole, Bob Boyer, Darryl Lazar, Fran Peed, Mike Balog, Mary Ann Haszko, Mary Humphrey, Martha Schwegler, Maria Bair, Joanmarie Kulinka, Jenny Schaefer, Diane Westbrook

Absent: Jenna Taylor

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Bob Boyer.
Scripture and Prayer led by Mike Balog.

Old Business:

- **Minutes:** The minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting were accepted.

- **Spiritual Retreat:** Thank you to Deacon Chris for a very beneficial retreat. Worked well doing it with the school board. Was a good beginning to our PPC year. Lesson for the Chair, start the coordination with the school board before the preceding school year is over so we can have the retreat before our first meeting.

- **Parish Picnic (revisited):** Discussion revolved around usual events that take place during September that could impact attendance at the picnic. Labor Day is 9/2. The weekend after Labor Day is usually reserved for the Pig Picking event where they reserve the four shelters. Another event that might impact attendance is the Air Show that was determined to be the weekend of 9/21 & 9/22, 2019.

Tentative date chosen for the picnic was 9/15/2019. Discussed reserving only two shelters (#2)/ 200 spaces. Reservations cannot be made with the city until December. Less food would be required.

Discussed the low attendance of youth as being due to the fact that there was no youth minister at the time of the last picnic. There is a part-time youth minister now at this time.

-**Time & Talent:** Not all who signed up at the weekend ended up showing up for service. Discussed a change in format. Group like ministries together. Having a "Grouping of the Month" that would set up tables in the Commons. This might make it less overwhelming. Fr. Rob brought up for discussion that "personal invitation" for a particular ministry might have more positive results. This is how altar servers are invited to serve. It was discussed that untapped resources are the young who are recently Confirmed (about 100 young people) and those who attend CHRIP in addition to the general congregation. Invitation to service makes it more personal.

Jenny Scharf brought up that Holy Spirit Parish seems to have a good response as their Bulletin features more social events than ministry events. Discussed possible change of names e.g. Quilter's Club instead of SJA Quilters. Fr. Rob responded that as Catholics we should stress that we minister. We must "be busy for the Lord, not just busy".

Discussion on how to engage younger families in ministries and the life of the parish. There is no room for things such as Carnival rides, The lack of a Parish Hall is an issue.

This will be revisited at the January meeting. Council members have 60 days to think of items discussed and brainstorm.

-VOMO.org: Fr. Rob had requested a list of Catholic Churches who are currently using this program. No list was available as they had originally indicated. Decision made not to proceed.

New Business:

-REBOOT: International evangelist Chris Stefanick coming to SJA on November 29th. We need 900-1000 to attend. So far there are more than 500 from SJA attending. Unsure of the total number from other parishes. Tickets remain on sale after Masses ant in the Office.

-Youth Ministry: A part-time Youth Minister started on October 1st. Working 12-15 hours only. Search for full-time Youth Minister continues. Group is now meeting on Saturday night. They will return to Sunday meetings after the conclusion of Confirmation preparation which ends January 13, 2019. Sunday night meeting may result in more participation.

-Ministry Updates: Council can keep in constant contact with their ministry heads. The previous conversation about Time & Talent should be taken to the Ministry heads for their input.

-Ministry Social: Planned for Monday, January 28, 2019. Start time 6pm. Activity rooms A & B. Darryl Lazar will send out the formal invites but Council members should contact ministry heads with a personal invite prior. Budget to be discussed at the social. Discuss budget with ministry heads. Make sure that ministries that have not requested money really don't need it. Provide spread sheets as needed. Budgets due the end of March. Encourage attendees to come with any questions they may have.

-Andersons: A mini-golf has already been approved. There are meetings coming up about approving a self-storage facility there. We need to keep up with this as it is really not desirable to have storage sheds right across from the Church.

-Donut Sunday: Crazy Good Donuts has gone out of business. Discussion ensued on alternative sources for obtaining donuts. Plan is to reduce the amount of donuts to 50 dozen from 60. Will order from the Dunkin' Donuts on General Booth and Dam Neck for the month of December. Issue will be revisited to figure out best deal for the long term.

Pastor's Comments:

-Tuesday 11/20 is the Ecumenical Thanksgiving gathering to be hosted by Grace Covenant Church. All encouraged to attend.

-Joyce Leotta to contact Bob Boyer in order to arrange a presentation to the Council for a new Ecumenical Ministry.

Meeting closed in prayer and blessing by Fr. Rob at 7:12 pm.

Next meeting: January 9, 2019

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Mary Ellen Roemer