

Parish Pastoral Council
Date: January 9, 2019

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

Absent: Mary Ann Hasko

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Bob Boyer.
Scripture and prayer lead by Diane Westbrook

Old Business:

-Minutes for November 2018 PPC meeting were approved and sent to Colleen Fickle.

-Time & Talent: Discussed doing Bulletin updates. PPC members will volunteer to put Ministry updates in the Bulletin. First volunteers: Fran Peed and Mary Humphrey. Ministries not usually covered will be able to be highlighted. Possibly include a photo of Ministry lead so parishioners can more easily identify who they are.

Council members will work with Carole Romanini to update Ministry lead information on the SJA website.

-Donut Ministry: Dunkin' Donuts are very popular. There is a need to increase the amount ordered. There is also a need to try and solicit donations to defray the cost. Will discuss this with leads at the Ministry Social. Will do Bulletin update.

-Ministry Social: Date is Monday, January 28th. Set up time: 6 pm. Arrival time: 6:30 pm. Plan is to thank leads for their service to the Parish, social interaction, and discuss budgets.

Darryl Lazar informed the Council that there were 14 responses at this time. PPC members to follow up with phone calls to their ministries. Darryl will e-mail refreshments needs for the Social once he gets the final count. RSVP date is January 18th. Foods will consist of drinks and finger foods. Name tags will be available for the attendees.

New Business:

-Next month's Scripture and Prayer to be lead by Jenny Scharf.

-Presentation by Joyce Leotta on Church Women United and Christian Ecumenical Network.

Church Women United has been in existence since 1941. Share faith with all women of various denominations. There are 10 denominations represented at this time. As a church SJA would be required to donate \$25/year and each individual \$5. There are prayer services which usually last an hour. There are three main yearly celebrations: Friendship Day on the first Friday in May which is a Pot Luck for ages 18-45; Human Rights on a Saturday in September, our own parishioner Mary Cabral was honored previously for her Pro-Life work; World Community Day on the first Friday in November. They also promote the Least Coin Ministry where pennies are saved for a year and then monies are donated to foreign countries.

Christian Ecumenical Network is for both men and women and is interdenominational. There are monthly meetings. They coordinate an International Week of Prayer: a different church hosts each day. There is a yearly retreat on a Saturday opened to all. Gray or Institute provides materials for the event. There is a different theme each year.

Joyce was presenting this to the Council as a means of sharing our faith and fostering unity and community; wants to open this information to more people for participation; would like to SJA to support these groups as a church and occasionally host events. Feels it a way to get to know what others churches are doing. Parishes that participate already include Holy Spirit and St. Nicholas.

Discussion ensued after Ms. Leotta completed her presentation and departed the meeting. Fr. Rob informed the council members about LARCUM (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Methodist) which is a National organization with a constitutional agreement amongst churches. The Diocese of Richmond is a part of LARCUM. It was discussed that this was

information that few knew about. A lengthy discussion concluded with a vote not to pursue supporting Church Women United and Christian Ecumenical Network. Plan is to pursue and foster more information on LARCUM. Ms. Leotta will be notified of the Council's decision.

Pastor's Comments:

-Parish Budget: \$64,000 in the negative. Attendance has been down. Budget had been upped due to requests from ministries. This is why budget was raised by \$100,000 from the previous year. Decreasing the budget will help compensate. There was money saved from salaries because of vacant positions such as no Full-Time Youth Minister. Executive Board meeting coming up and will advise on this issue.

-Parish Picnic: date to be tried September 15th, 2019. Will try to reserve shelters 2&3.
[NOTE: since the meeting, Sept 15th was unavailable, reserved September 21st instead.]

-Master plan was presented to the City. Seven items to be addressed before the City Council review. Water run-off is a main concern. Report will show what buildings will be like and the usage intended. This is the number one focus right now. To get approval finalized lessens concerns of future infringement on church property.

Meeting closed with prayer and blessing by Fr. Rob at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting: February 13, 2019

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Mary Ellen Roemer