

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Jan. 4, 2017

**Members Present:** Jeff and Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Ryan Siegel, Lexe Volk, Mary White, Charmaine Owens, Fr. Hyland and youth members Megan Fisher, Michael Kuznicki, and Mikayla Kuznicki

**Opening Faith Reflection** offered by Charmaine Owens

### Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Fr. Hyland reported that the Church has been broken into three times in the past year.
- Discussion centered on how to make the Church assessable for our parishioners while keeping it safe.
  - \* Items discussed were motion lights, video cameras, and having a security assessment by local law enforcement.
- Fr. Hyland reported a nice vacation and visit with family and friends.

### Charmaine's Report:

- There have been two inquiries regarding RCIA.
- Plans are being made to build an RCIA team to assist with the RCIA program.
- The ACRE test for 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take place during January.
- There will be a "Protecting God's Children" session in early February to accommodate the people that may sign up for new ministry during the Ministry Fair in late January.

### Youth Report:

- The youth discussed the desire for more faith related trips.
- They would also like to be more aware of retreats.
- They have expressed an interest in having a small group for Lent led by an Eastern student or someone similar.

### Old Business:

- The Ministry Fair is January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - \* Members of the Council will be present at the Leadership Table and also in the vestibule to direct people to the hall.
- Wedding Policies
  - \* Fr. Hyland contacted Glenna regarding the music section of the Marriage Policy Guide, and she thought that it was suitable.
  - \* It was felt that the guide is ready to use for any upcoming weddings.

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### Old Business Continued:

- There was discussion about what other policies should be developed.
  - \* It was decided to focus on the Funeral Policy next.
- Members decided that they would like to develop a Baptismal Ministry that can assist families with preparation more thoroughly.
- There was further discussion regarding the use of the funds from the cookbook, and it was decided that they would be better used to help purchase a defibrillator.

### New Business:

- Matthew shared information regarding the Diocese of Springfield Stewardship Committee.
  - \* The emphasis is on Time, Talent, and Treasure.
  - \* He presented information that other churches have shared that would be good to develop to fit St. Charles needs.
- Matthew and Deb were scheduled to go off the Council, but have agreed to stay on.
- Jeff mentioned a financial planning program that can be presented to interested parishioners later in the year.
  - \* The consensus was that there would be some interest.
  - \* Further discussion will take place in the coming months.
- Goals for 2017
  - \* There was discussion about the Four Pillars of Intentional Discipleship and ways to further incorporate them into our parish.
  - \* Fr. Hyland along with the rest of the council agreed that it was necessary to make "study" more intentional when planning events.
    - ... The small group setting is a great way to do this, so more of this type of program should be included.
    - ... Once again this Lent, a small group program entitled "Journey" will be offered.
- Charmaine shared that she will be retiring from her position on May 26.

**Closing Prayer** offered by Fr. Hyland

**Faith Reflection Assignment** – Matthew Mittelstaedt

**Next meeting:** February 1 @ 7:00 pm