

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Feb. 1, 2017

Members Present: Jeff and Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Ryan Siegel, Lexe Volk, Anne Wend, Mary White, Charmaine Owens, Fr. Hyland and youth members AJ Ruffalo and Drew Mejdrieh

Opening Faith Reflection offered by Matthew Mittelstaedt

Fr. Hyland's Report:

- The person responsible for the last few break-ins has been arrested and admitted to the crime.
- A police walk through was done, and some helpful suggestions were offered.
- Fr. Hyland was very pleased with the special offering, and the funds will be put to use for new doors and updating/repairing the exterior lighting.
- Fr. Hyland also discussed the possibility of a keypad entry that can be opened by parishioners after hours for access to the church.
- Lent is quickly approaching, and we are encouraged to observe all of our Lenten traditions.
- Ash Wednesday services will again be split between St. Charles and the Newman Center. The Mass times will be in the bulletin.

Charmaine's Report:

- With Lent approaching, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm.
- The different ministries and organizations will be contacted to lead the Stations
 - * Pastoral Council will lead Friday, March 3.

Youth Report:

- 3 – 4 youth attended the March for Life.
- The youth have assisted with clean up duty at several dinners.
- There are two big events coming up for people that qualify through attendance and service – skiing in Wisconsin and a ropes course in Carlinville.
- There are retreat opportunities on February 17 & 18 and March 10 – 12.
- The youth will provide babysitting at the Super Bowl Party.
- Fr. Hyland gave an update on the events in which the youth had participated during 2016.

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Old Business:

- The Ministry Fair drew a nice crowd.
 - * Fr. Hyland said it was a positive event overall.
- Matthew discussed the Diocese Stewardship Program.
 - * Questions have been received from the diocese to be distributed to gather people's responses.
 - * There was discussion about the best way to make the questions accessible to the entire parish.
 - * Fr. Hyland will introduce the goals of the program to the congregation.
 - * Information about how to access and submit responses will be published in the bulletin.
 - * February 26 will be the kickoff.
- Discussion on the AED was tabled until March.

New Business:

- Two people signed up for the Pastoral Council.
 - * Fr. Hyland will contact them and offer them an invitation.
- There was discussion regarding the Pastoral Associate job.
 - * The various tasks outlined in the job description were reviewed.
 - * Fr. Hyland is also reviewing the Diocesan Policies so that advertisement for the position can begin.
 - * It is hoped to have the best person in place around May 1.
- The Parish Work Day has been scheduled for May 20.
- The Summer Celebration is on June 10.
- Dates for a farewell reception for Charmaine as she moves from her position as Pastoral Associate to retirement were also discussed.
- Ryan discussed the upcoming Lenten Friday night Fish fry's.
 - * The first one is scheduled for March 3

Closing Prayer offered by Fr. Hyland

Faith Reflection Assignment – Lexe Volk

Next meeting: March 7 @ 7:00 pm