

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 5th, 8th, and 11th 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 28th and 29th.
 - * 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