

Prince of Peace Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

Attendees: Fr. Adam, Rich Elmore(chairperson), Liz Schoenke (secretary), Lisa Weideman, Susan Hogan, Mike Wilson, Mary Dubicki, Kim Zurek, Joanne Gorski, Chuck McFarlin, Michele Welch, Mike Milostan, Dave Ingram, Ellen Wing, and Dan Kerkman

Absent: Thomas Even, Anne Fahey, Anmarie Andresen, Fr. Gerald

1. Meeting opened at 7pm by Rich Elmore. Opening Prayer by Chuck McFarlin
 - a. Order of PPC Agenda was changed to accommodate Fr. Adam's schedule
2. **Pastor's Report**-email sent in by Fr. Gerald and read by Fr. Adam
 - a. We are in the midst of the Budget, Finance group is meeting tonight to finalize the budget, so that is where I am
 - i. Financially we are doing well. We hit our budget of Christmas and Easter collection on the days of Christmas/Easter this year. Usually we don't hit the budget until a week after with mail in envelopes. This is a good sign.
 - ii. We have begun some improvements to the sacristy behind the altar area. If you have ever been back there we are repainting, adding doors to the openings, as well as adding new cabinets. (The cabinets we are using are being repurposed from the acquisition of the Dental office) This will be a significant upgrade with very little money being spent. Most work is being done by Miguel and our Buildings and Ground.
 - b. Seminarian Larry will be concluding his internship here May 11th. Prince of Peace is very lucky to play a part in the formation of these men for the priesthood.
 - c. The renovation of the Parish Hall is really paying off. We have added a mass at 9:45 am on Christmas and Easter, and both were at full capacity which is 300 chairs, not including choir, presider and servers.
 - d. We will be having our first parish picnic in a number of years. Sunday August 12. And it will be held here on the grounds of Prince of Peace.
 - e. This Monday we will be having our State of the School. This will inform parents how the year has gone as well as we look forward to next year. Parents will receive the information as to how much tuition will be going up. We are always very open and transparent and when tuition is raised is always very minimal.
 - f. April 28, the school will be hosting their Pizazz social. Any non-school parents, please see the bulletin, it is really a wonderful and fun night and a great fundraiser for the school.
 - g. First communions will be Mother's Day weekend May 12.
3. **Review March 2018 minutes**-these were approved and ready to be sent to the Parish Office.
4. **Deanery Report**-given by Rich Elmore
 - a. There was no meeting in April and the next meeting is scheduled for May.
5. **Ministry Reports**
 - a. **Liturgy Commission**-report given by Liz Schoenke

- i. Eucharistic Ministry training will be available on Saturday April 28, from 9:30am to 12:30 pm at St. Mary's in Buffalo Grove. This prompted a lot of questions about Eucharistic Ministry.
 - 1. Michele Welch asked how often do we need to be recertified as an EM? Many answered that they have not had to be recertified, but Deacon Jim Minor has meetings throughout the year to keep them notified about any changes from the Arch Diocese.
 - 2. Susan Hogan asked how does the EM know if they are serving the body or the blood? It was answered that EM's who are assigned an odd number will serve the host and even numbers will serve the blood. Even if you're not assigned to serve that day, come prepared to serve anyway, as many weeks, substitutes are needed.
 - 3. Susan also asked why EM's don't use hand sanitizer before serving communion. It was stated that the strong alcohol taste moves from your hands to the host to your taste buds. Chuck McFarlin offered many ways to wash your hands before going up to serve.
- b. **Spiritual Life**-report given by Chuck McFarlin
 - i. Prince of Peace, St. Peter's, St. Bede's and St. Raphael's are hosting a mission called Real Life Catholic Reboot given by Chris Stefanick. This event is October 11, 2018, and the event is already on the Real Life Catholic website. A committee is forming and will meet on April 26 at 7pm. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan this event is asked to attend this meeting. This committee is headed by Joe Sepsey and they are hoping for an attendance of 1000 people. (Lots of talk as to how Prince of Peace will fit 1000 people in the Parish Life Center.)
 - ii. Men's CRHP was a huge success. Even Fr. Adam and Seminarian Larry attended.
- c. **Formation/Education**-report given by Kim Zurek
 - i. Vacation Bible school will be from July 23-27. The theme this year is Miracles of Jesus. There will be a booth in the Gather Space after all masses this weekend. Volunteers are needed. At the end of the week, there will be an Initial Prayer service, which will show what the week was about and what the kids did.
 - ii. There will be a State of the School meeting on Monday April 22, to address all issues of the school and safety.
 - iii. The Youth Group has a teen mass on Father's Day this year. They will still have mass that evening, but there will be no activity to follow. (report given by Chuck McFarlin)
 - iv. This weekend, 5th-8th graders are having a 23 hour run event, to try to raise money for new sporting equipment.
- d. **Pastoral Concerns**-report given by Mary Dubicki
 - i. Make a Meal is currently serving a hospice patient, but Mary thought that she had heard this person has died recently. They are making meals for another parishioner and that's it for now. Again, it's feast or famine...they either don't have enough people or they have too many to serve.
 - ii. Mike Danaj still answers requests for boxes for the food pantry.

- iii. Mary had dinner with some people from Catholic Charities and they told her how appreciative they are for all of the help and assistance from Prince of Peace.
- iv. The last St. Vincent DePaul dinner was a huge success. They had to move out of the meeting rooms and into the original church. The next dinner will be April 22. If a ministry would like to host one of these dinners, they can contact Bob Bahna.
- v. The next food truck will be at Prince of Peace on April 28th. The knights of Columbus will borrow grocery carts again.
- e. **Community Life**-report given by Ellen Wing
 - i. The Savvy Seniors had a very successful and entertaining program at their last meeting. They also had a high attendance.
 - ii. The Prayer Shawl ministry has a completed inventory of prayer shawls. If you know of anyone who could use one, please call Jean Coon. They are currently working on Chemo caps.
 - iii. The Knights of Columbus will host their pancake breakfast on this Sunday after the 7:30am and 9:30 am masses. (this was reported by Chuck McFarlin)

6. **Open Forum**

- a. Michele Welch asked if we bring communion to hospitals. Fr. Adam replied that since we don't have a hospital in our area, Prince of Peace only does this when requested by a parishioner. Other churches in the Diocese, who have a hospital nearby, are required to attend to the hospital that is in their area.
 - b. Michele also asked if we have a system set up for getting ahold of one of our priests, after hours, in case we need to minister last rights. Fr. Adam replied that he did not know of any system. He reminded us that it doesn't matter what priest offers this sacrament, the person will still receive the sacrament.
 - c. We talked about setting a date for the next ministry fair, but decided to wait for Fr. Gerald to be in on the decision.
7. **Meeting was adjourned** at 7:50pm and closing prayer was said by Chuck McFarlin. Our next meeting will be May 15 at 7pm. Susan Hogan will do opening and closing prayer.

Minutes done by Liz Schoenke
(secretary)