

Prince of Peace Pastoral Council Meeting

March 19, 2019

Attendees: Mike Milostan (chairman), Dan Kerkman (vice-chairman), Liz Schoenke (secretary), Father Gerald, Chuck McFarlin, Mary Recktenwald, Dave Ingram, Kim Zurek, Mike Wilson, Susan Hogan

Absent: Joanne Gorski, Michele Welch, Anne Fahey, Mary Dubicki, Alan Lacson

- Meeting opened at 7pm with opening prayer led by Mary Recktenwald
- February minutes had a couple of typos, but were approved and can be sent to the office, after correction.
- Deanery Report-no information, and next meeting will be in May. It was asked what the Deanery meetings were for and Fr. Gerald explained that they are much like the parish council meetings for church, except they were different parishes from this vicariate, coming together to share information. Fr. Gerald will ask the Bishop if Deanery meetings will continue. Next meeting is scheduled for May 8.
- Ministry Reports-
 - a. Liturgy Commission-no reports given
 - b. Spiritual Life Commission-report given by Chuck McFarlin
 - I. Men's CRHP weekend will be April 13 & 14. Sign up will be available after all masses. If you know of someone who has not gone through CRHP, please encourage them, and please pray for all who are and will be involved with that weekend.
 - c. Pastoral Concerns Commission-report given by Mary Recktenwald
 - I. The St. Vincent DePaul community dinner had 38 people in attendance on March 10. The next dinner will be April 14, and Susan Hogan reported that a group of school parents will be hosting the dinner.
 - ii. The next mobile pantry food drive will be April 13. St. Vincent DePaul members will work this service along with the Knights of Columbus.
 - iii. On March 9, St. Vincent DePaul hosted its own Resource Expo, here at Prince of Peace. There were 59 guests and there were 9 representatives from the 10 districts in Lake County. The event was well received, many were impressed with Prince of Peace Church, itself, and many people requested that the Resource Expo be held again next year. This was a chance for people to get to know the available resources so that they'll know how to help others, when requested.
 - d. Formation/Education Commission-No reports given
 - e. Community Life Commission-Report given by Mary Recktenwald

l. Mary informed us that she attended a meeting of Parents of Little Angels. The new leaders are doing great job and are currently teaching the kids about not using "Alleluia" during Lent. They made posters with the word "Alleluia" and were encouraged to take them home, and hide them, until Lent is over. Then they can bring them back out and we can use it during mass.

- f. Parish Resource Commission-No report given
- Pastor's report-(sent through email) given by Fr. Gerald Walsh
 - a. On April 2nd, experience through prayer will have an exorcist who will speak.
 - b. Fr. Adam's farewell weekend will be June 15. The school will do their own thing, in May. With the process of Associate Pastor, Fr. Gerald received a list of 11 candidates. He emailed 1 person, but then this person pulled himself from the list. Fr. Gerald received another email, with another name, and he has contacted this person. If we get another Associate pastor, he would start in July.
 - c. Our Lenten mission was a success. Even kids were talking about how much they enjoyed listening to Fr. McCarthy speak. Fr. Gerald has lined up Fr. Fragomeni for our next Lenten mission.
 - d. Parish confession for Lent will be held April 9.
 - e. Fr. Gerald has his review with Bishop Rojas and Fr. McGovern and all went well.
 - f. The overflow mass at Easter is now a regularly scheduled mass. Mass times for Easter will be 7:30am, 9:30. 9:45am and 11:30am.
 - g. Mark Weiss will be ordained a deacon on May 11. We will then have 6 deacons in our church. Since this is the same day as First Communion, Fr. Adam will hold that mass, so that Fr. Gerald may accompany Mark Weiss, at his ordination.
 - i. It was asked if Deacons will stay or be placed in another church. Fr. Gerald explained that before Renew My Parish, Deacons stayed at their Parish, since most parishes support the cost. After Renew My Parish, there is a chance that Deacons could be relocated where needed.
 - h. Jack Ruskin has finished his first year of Aspirancy. His next 3 years will be classes, as he prepares for Deaconization.
 - i. We are still looking for a music director, so please keep praying.
 - j. In light of recent events, people are asking about security precautions at our own church. Barb, Fr. Gerald and the rest of the staff are constantly discussing security measures. The school does this as well, with drills.
 - k. Rebecca Zurek has won 1st place in the Regional Science Fair.
 - l. The Annual Catholic Appeal was met this year.

6. Open Forum

a. Fr. Gerald answered our question from the last meeting, “what constitutes a Ministry?” They are people who come together, to complete a mission of Christ. He then gave examples like Prayer Shawl-they started as a spiritual group, who prayed and knitted, and now they have added the sharing of their hand made goods...blankets, shawls, caps, matts, etc. The group ministers to the parish and to the community.

b. Rummage Sale was discussed. Liz Schoenke will contact Tim Popp and Susie Miller, to see how PPC can assist during that weekend.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm and closing prayer was said by Mary Recktenwald. Our next meeting will be April 16, in meeting room 3. Opening and closing prayer will be done by Mary Dubicki

Minutes done by Liz Schoenke
(secretary)