

SMOTH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – 12Mar14

Attendees:

Parish Council Role	Name	Present?
Pastor	Fr. Stan Ulman	Y
President & At Large Representative	Richard Danforth	Y
Vice President & Education Commission Representative	Janet Gerhard	Y
Education Commission	Peggy Casing	N
Secretary - At Large	Ken Corrion	Y
At Large	Curt Benham	Y
Christian Service Commission Representative	Mark Joyce	Y
	Sr. Grace Keane	N
Evangelization Commission Representative	Susie Phillips	N
	George Philips	N
Fellowship Commission Representative	Marlene DeBrosse	Y
Finance Council Representative	Mark Suwinski	N
Stewardship Commission Representative	Carol Gunther	Y
	Andrew Fadanelli	N
Worship Commission Representative	John Hundiak	Y
	Beth Belesky	Y
HFRS Representative	Jennifer Neill	Y
PAV Representative	Joan Cashman	Y
	Denis Naeger	Y
Seniors Representative	Virginia McMahan	N
Youth Representative	TBD	N
Other Attendees	Thomas Kubacki	N
	Forrest Cooper	Y
	Jay Fedewa	Y

Opening Prayer – Richard Danforth

Old Business

- 1) Prior Meeting Minutes – Richard Danforth
 - a. 2/15/14 Meeting Minutes approved.
- 2) Parish Mission: Hungers of the Human Heart – Beth Belesky
 - a. Continue to publicize and encourage participation in our Parish Mission.
 - b. Flyers are being distributed to neighboring parishes.
 - c. Suggestion: Distribute flyers via PAV.
- 3) Meeting with St. Andrew's Parish Pastoral Council – Denis Naeger
 - a. Our 1st joint meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014 @ 7:00 pm in the East Overflow Room @ SMOTH. For PPC members only (Commission Members not required to attend.)
 - b. The meeting will be mostly social to get familiar with each other and begin the process of working together.

- 4) Strategic Drivers – Ministry Implementation (purple cards) – Ken Corrion
 - a. All attendees at this PPC meeting voted on the 4 “Ministry Implementation” concerns selected in February. The following Concerns are listed in order of highest to lowest importance as determined by their votes:
 - i. We don’t regularly solicit our parishioners for feedback on possible improvements (12 votes).
 - ii. We have less than optimal space utilization (11 votes).
 - iii. We don’t have an effective outreach strategy (4 votes).
 - iv. We don’t offer enough educational programs for all our parishioners (2 votes).
 - b. This information will be retained for a future meeting.

New Business

- 1) Photo of Parish Council – Richard Danforth
 - a. A photo was taken of our PPC for inclusion in an upcoming bulletin article.
- 2) Council Elections/Selections for 2014-2015 – Richard Danforth
 - a. Nominations for 2014/15 PPC term are due in May. Elections will occur in June.
 - b. An article should be placed in the Bulletin to identify nominees for potential PPC members.

Commission Updates

- 1) Finance – No Representative
 - a. Our Finance Committee asked Archbishop Vigneron to approve CLT spending for an entryway Canopy.
- 2) Evangelization – Jay Fedewa
 - a. The inaugural book order was received for our rolling cart library.
 - b. We are investigating “Christ Like” and other existing programs for creating disciples.
 - c. Additional Emagine Theatre movie nights are being planned
 - d. Plans are being made to call our inactive parishioners. We would like to give them Matthew Kelley’s book “Rediscovering Catholicism”. Approximately 17 volunteers are needed to help make calls prior to our upcoming Mission.
- 3) Christian Service – Mark Joyce
 - a. A Muslim Awareness event is being planned with the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice. It will take place on all Thursday’s in May. The goal is to develop a dialogue, listen and learn from each other. Information will be placed in the bulletin. A \$40 fee will be charged for participation.
 - b. A 5 week schedule for Almsgiving opportunities will start appearing in the bulletin this week. Featured organizations include: Wee Care, St. Michael’s Food Pantry and CCRT.
- 4) Education –Janet Gerhard
 - a. A gap has been identified in our educational programs impacting children that have been catechized. We would like to offer other opportunities besides the youth group.
 - b. A family film & discussion group will begin this fall. Topics and films are still being determined.
- 5) Fellowship – Marlene DeBrosse
 - a. Our Parish Picnic is planned for July 13th. Events include a Band, Children’s Entertainment, Family Games, Train Rides and more.

- b. Fellowship activities for each of the 4 evenings following the Parish Mission are now established.
- 6) Worship – John Hundiak / Beth Belesky
 - a. Procedures and Instructions for taking Holy Communion to the home bound are being improved.
 - b. Emergency protocols are being reviewed in case something occurs during Mass. This includes training our Ushers for AED use and other needs. We should verify the battery in our AED is up to date.
 - c. Preparations are underway for Holy Week. Our Mass schedule this year differs from last year’s offerings.
- 7) Stewardship – Carol Gunther
 - a. The Purple Prayer Cards distributed on Ash Wednesday were gladly accepted by our parishioners.
 - b. We will start developing a list of Stewardship opportunities to share at upcoming social events.
 - c. The “Communities of Salt & Light” information distributed by Sr. Grace was reviewed in preparation of April’s assignment.

Other Groups

- 1) Seniors – No representative.
- 2) Youth – No representative.
- 3) Pontiac Area Vicariate – Joan Cashman / Denis Naeger
 - a. The recent PAV Assembly meeting w/ Sr. Simone was well attended. Her presentation addressed the current wealth inequality existing in our nation and the inability of people able to talk across the different levels for wealth.
 - b. The CCRT Gala brought in approximately \$25,000 with nearly 300 people in attendance. This was a good turnout.
 - c. St. Damiens Parish is looking to form a committee within PAV to address mental illnesses. They have offered to present a 10 minute introductory program to our PPC. A meeting will be scheduled for possibly in April.
 - d. Retrouvaille is being promoted for marriages in crisis.
 - e. Marriage mentoring training will increase in scope to include blended families with step children.
 - f. The PAV budget is being reviewed for approval. A vicariate subsidy is included in SMOTH’s budget.
- 4) HFRS – Jennifer Neill
 - a. HFRS recently completed a food drive which resulted in 3000 pounds of food given to Gleaners.
 - b. Morning Prayer Services are being offered before school.
 - c. HFRS currently budgets for 903 students. There are currently 877 students enrolled for the next school year. Several families are still undecided.

Other Announcements

- 1. Opening Prayer at next meeting – Joan Cashman

Closing Prayer: Fr. Stan

Next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:

Saturday, April 12, 2014 @ 7:45 am. Location = SMOTH