

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Minutes March 16th 2017, 6:30 p.m. Parish Center Unapproved

Present:

Lisa DiCamillo, Mary Jane Voelker, Jerry Wroblewski, John Connor, Pat Sampson, Steve Gayari, Anne Wrubel.

Excused: Paul Golsch, Molly Bass and Janice Wurst.

Prayer: Fr. Rob

Minutes: Approved Minutes from January 26th 2017

Decisions:

- Plans for new Directory are underway. Contact made with “Life Touch” and a committee is set up. Once firm dates are agreed, information will be placed in the bulletin asking for volunteers, pictures from events over the past year and picture takers for current events.
- The Organ from St Felix has been removed to safe storage and any repairs and renovations needed are underway. The organ will be placed at St Roch Church after Easter. The console/keyboard will be placed near where the existing piano is and the pipes will be installed in the sanctuary along boiler room wall. The current electric piano will continue to be used in conjunction with the organ.
- St Felix will need some repairs to the wall and new carpet, where the organ pipes were removed.
- Members of Parish Council were invited to attend the Chrism Mass April 11th 10:30 AM at St Thomas Aquinas in Saginaw.
- After some discussion the Holy Week Schedule will be as follows
Holy Thursday – St Francis Borgia at 7:00 PM
Good Friday – St Roch at 1:00 PM
Easter Vigil – St Roch at 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday – St Roch at 8:30 AM & St Francis Borgia at 10:30 AM
- 200 carnations will be ordered for Mother’s Day to be presented at each of our weekend liturgies on Mother’s Day weekend.

Discussion:

1. Lengthy discussion concerning how we can connect with parishioners regarding the need for active participation as Liturgical Ministers.

Method suggested:

- Announce the need with particular regard to language used.
 - A call group formed to call parishioners asking for their active participation.
 - Provide adequate training so people will know what is expected of them in each role including the instruction pamphlets already available.
 - Sensitivity to scheduling for parishioners and the office.
2. Development of a page in the bulletin for advertising – goal to create enough revenue to cover the cost of publishing the bulletin and also to expand our ability to provide faith formation opportunities for adults with regard to church teachings on Social Justice, Spirituality, Missions and other topics. A letter and sample will be mailed to businesses in the area and groups and individuals within the parish will be invited to support the bulletin by purchasing an ad. To be mailed by the beginning of April.
 3. Offertory Enhancement – Developing plans to revisit in the summer. Review with the parish the progress we have made and thank them for their support. A joint meeting will be held on Wednesday April 26th (27th) 6:00 PM to review the 3rd Quarter report and make plans for the next presentation. Leadership needs to be prepared for their presentations. 2nd joint meeting if needed May 11th. As CSA is then very near we will complete the presentations to the parish beginning June 4th
 4. Faith Formation:
 - Confirmation – April 1st
 - First Eucharist – May 6/7
 - The program is moving forward well, including singing, creating community amongst children and catechists.
 - Working on a Mass for families, and catechists – May Crowning – for the end of the year.
 5. Discussion of roles on parish council in particular the PC/Finance representative looking for nominations for either winter months or year round.
 6. Still need a secretary to take the minutes for PC.

Pastoral Input:

Next Pastoral Council meeting date: Wednesday April 19th 2017. 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Closing Prayer: 9:00 PM - Fr. Rob

Minutes taken by Susan Grates.