

Prince of Peace Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

Attendees: Father Gerald, Rich Elmore(chairperson), Liz Schoenke (secretary), Lisa Weideman, Susan Hogan, Mike Wilson, Mary Dubicki, Kim Zurek, Joanne Gorski, Chuck McFarlin, Anmarie Andresen, Michele Welch, Mike Milostan, Anne Fahey, Dave Ingram, and Dan Kerkman

Absent: Thomas Evan, Ellen Wing

- A. **Meeting opened** by Rich Elmore 7:00 pm. Opening Prayer by Michele Welch
- B. **February minutes** reviewed, and a few corrections were made. One correction made by Dan Kerkman (D. Ministry reports, section b, changed help to held) and the other corrections were misspelled names. Then the minutes were approved. To be sent to parish office to be posted.
- C. **Deanery Report**-the next meeting will be held on March 14, 2018 at Santa Maria Del Popolo at 7pm. Richard was unable to attend so he asked for a volunteer. No one spoke up
- D. **Ministry Reports**
 - i. **Liturgy Ministry**
(given by Michele Welch)
 - a. she was approached by several parishioners asking how we can better our communications for general information; several suggestions were made, including a suggestion box, but this has been a concern. We offer many ways for people to get their information (bulletin, announcements towards end of mass, website, suggestion folder, etc.).
 - b. She also mentioned signs she has been seeing around town, that say Thank You Jesus. There is no affiliated church on the sign, but they did come from St. Mark's Lutheran church in Lindenhurst.
 - c. The last item she talked about was a community church had sent the Welch family an Easter card inviting them to their services and it also included their calendar and activities for the youth group. Michele thought it might be nice if we could do this as well.
 - d. Michele sent an email to the Liturgy commission, saying that if any of the ministries want us to attend a meeting, let us know. She also informed them that St. Vincent DePaul Society was looking for groups to host the community dinners. She listed the dates of the dinners and Bob Bahna replied stating that he was more than happy to meet with ministries to help them plan a dinner. His email address is bbahna@aol.com and his phone number is 805-402-5098.
(emailed by Ellen Wing, read by Liz Schoenke)
 - e. The Prayer Shawl Ministry donated hand made shawls to all the women who participated in the CHRP retreat and they were greatly appreciated.
 - f. Laura Cicero will be speak on the upcoming Parents of Little Angels event at masses.
 - ii. **Spiritual Life**
 - a. Grace Filled Women met last Saturday (March 10) and watched the movie The Way.

iii. **Formation/Education-** (report given by Susan Hogan)

- a. Parish School-there were many concerns about the recent school shootings in Florida and a long discussion ensued about the safety of our school. The security is this...a person comes to the door and rings the buzzer. The secretary has a camera where she can see the people at the door. If she knows them, she buzzes them in. If she doesn't know them, she will go to the door to see what they need before letting them in. Once we have funds, we will improve the entrance to the school, by extending it, adding a second set of doors and a drive up window between sets of doors, to state your business to the secretary. Fr. Gerald informed us that the kids are locked in their classrooms so that even if someone is in the halls, they can't get into the classroom without the teacher letting them in.
- b. There was a lock down at the school last week, to practice, and Lake Villa Police were involved. They stated that our school did a great job on the drill. These events have prompted the arch diocese for all churches to review their safety drills, and to share those during masses. We will probably do a tornado drill at a 9:30 mass in the future. Safety will be discussed at all masses (date to be determined).
- c. Kim Zurek asked about the other entrances to the school, from the Yanos center downstairs, and from the church into the school. Joanne Gorski explained that with extended care, the kids are down in the Yanos Center, and not allowed upstairs unless they have online homework and need to use computers. When the parent arrives, they give the name of their child and one of the Extended Care staff will go get the child and their stuff. The parent signs out the child and they leave. It was asked if we could lock the door from the Yanos Center going upstairs to the school, but this door is a second fire exit and can not be locked.
- d. Susan also informed us that as a lunch monitor, they are unaware of the procedures, in case of emergency. This will be rectified with a memo to the volunteers. She also stated that many parents are willing to donate extra money to build the new entrance for the school.
- e. These issues will also be discussed at the next school board meeting.

iv. **Pastoral Concerns**

- a. Elizabeth Ministry (report given by Susan Hogan)
She met with Deacon Jim about trying to revitalize this ministry. This ministry is a prayer chain for women who are trying to get pregnant, are pregnant or are having trouble with their pregnancies. A woman fills out a card with as much information as possible and the ministry prays for them. At around the time of the due date, the woman will get a home visit from someone in this ministry to see what the mother's needs are. People are not filling out the cards correctly and the crib that they put the cards in, is missing.
- b. Make a Meal Ministry (report given by Susan Hogan)
Susan also discussed this with Deacon Jim and this needs to be re-organized. It seems that they are either in feast or famine mode, referring to how many requests for meals were coming in, and the idea of equal balance was to ensure

that all the members had an opportunity to participate.

c. **Sharing Parish Ministry** (report given by Susan Hogan)

this ministry needs more members and desperately in need of younger members. It was suggested that we might join this group with the Sharing Parish ministry at St. Mark's, once the Renew My Parish is complete. We also discussed their PADS group. They have contacted us to help. WE send confirmation kids over and now the Knights of Columbus are going to help.

v. **Pastoral Concerns Commission**

a. **St. Vincent DePaul** (report given by Anne Fahey)

The last community dinner was hosted by Bible Study and was a huge success. There were 39 people in attendance. The next dinner will be April 22.

b. St. Vincent DePaul will hold their annual fundraiser, Friends of the Poor Benefit, on April 22, 2018 from 11-3. Tickets are \$80 before April 9 and then go up after that. There will be raffles, battle of the choirs, champagne brunch and the car raffle. Tickets for the car raffle are \$25 each.

vi. **Community Life**

a. **Rummage Sale**

this commission had a meeting last week and it was determined that they have plenty of help for set up and take down, but they need help during the sales hours. Childcare and food will be provided. The rummage sale is June 7, 8, & 9. Set up starts on June 4.

vii. **Parish Resources**- no report

E. **Co-Parish Council Chairman**

Mike Milostan will be our new Co-Parish Council Chairman. He will learn from Richard until Richard's term is over at the end of this year.

F. **Pastor's report** (given by Father Gerald)

- Parish Lenten Reconciliation will be held next Tuesday (March 20) at 9am and at 7pm.
- Stations of the Cross have been moved from the pillars to the walls, with the new lighting installed. (light switch #5)
- Since our Mission speaker, Fr. Fuller, was promoted at USCCB, he will not be able to attend our mission this year and we will have to cancel for now. We are trying to get a mission speaker for fall. Keep our 2019 mission speaker in our prayers, as after we reserved him, his job transferred him to Rome. Not sure if he'll be able to come back for our mission.
- Holy Week-Thursday, March 29 is Mass of the Lord's supper at 7PM, followed by a spiritual journey to neighboring churches. Cost is \$5/person. Friday, March 30, will be the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death at 7pm. Saturday, March 31, will be the Easter Vigil mass at 7pm. On Sunday, April 1, we will start Easter Services with a sun rise service at 6am, 7:30am, 9:30am (with an overflow mass in the original church at 9:45), and the final service will be at 11:30.
- The Dental House, on the corner of Grand and Cremin, was up for sale, so Prince of Peace purchased it. Not sure what to use it for yet, but there are many ideas, including to use it for various Ministry meetings.
- Renew My Church is in progress and the new pastor for St. Bede's and St. Peter's has

been named. The new pastor will be Fr. George Kouene. Not sure if they'll have an associate pastor yet. This will go into effect on July 1, 2018.

- The school fundraiser, Pizzazz, will be held on April 28, 2018.
- Catholic Heart Work Camp has 25 kids signed up. When they come back, they will give talks about their experiences and Fr. Gerald would love for them to have some sort of picture board in the gathering space for after those masses.
- The Young Adults mission trip to Puerto Rico has 7 people signed up.
- Deacon Miguel has been studying with us, but is training to move to Las Vegas and will be taking many things he has learned here, with him.
- Christian Shiu will become the associate pastor for St. Gilbert's parish in Grayslake, effective July 1, 2018.

G. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm, after closing prayer by Michele Welch. Next meeting will be on April 17, 2018. Chuck McFarlin will do opening and closing prayer.

Submitted by Liz Schoenke