

Parish Pastoral Council meeting minutes – Dec 6, 2016

Present – Fiona Archer, Virginia Chadwick, Jason Dale, Mary DeRay, Ann Gherardini, Christie Petras, Fr. Mike Quaine, James Reid, Phyllis Rizzi, Susie Waddell, Dave Kulasa, Carrie Kulasa, Bob Murphy, BJ Stepien, Sr. Joann Lucas, Courtney Warunek

Absent – Fr. Tim Galos, Ann Marie Gherardini, Kiley Robinson, Laurie Hall, Jerry Campernel , Franz Hoffer

Call to Order – 7:01pm

November meeting minutes approved.

Pastoral Reports (in addition to those emailed prior)

- Fr Mike
 - o recognized the 48 FLT members including 9 adults.
 - o Attended a suicide prevention workshop in October. It was geared towards those in a position to see and help those at risk. The workshop focused on QPR – ask blunt questions, persuade them to rethink their plans/change their minds/think about the ramifications of their death, and refer to professional for help.
 - o Fr. Tim may be taking some time in the spring to be with family.
 - o CSA quota is being revamped for each parish. Take 3 years (like 2012-2014) Christmas and Sunday collection totals, get a 3-year average, we pay 14.5% assessment on that average. Very complex formula to get to that 14.5%. 7% already goes to archdiocese tax for Sunday collections. All church income is subject to this tax. Important to note that any SCA collections over our goal are ours free and clear – no archdiocesan tax can be put on this overage and it won't affect our assessment in following years.

New Business

- Christie: January 15th is next coffee and donuts day, need more help.
- Fr. Mike: December 18th is the Hanging of the Greens after the 11:30 mass.
- Virginia: crosses for memorial masses that go on the wall and then go home with loved ones can be laser engraved by Dave Kulasa. Engraved crosses not claimed could be sanded and reused.

Comments regarding Commissions, Committees and Representative Reports previously sent

- Virginia (Christian Education) MCREST needs male helpers for showers and transportation, plus anyone to help custodians with general cleaning.

Open Discussion

- Fundraising
 - Jim: are we using new facility to its fullest? Should we do an annual fundraiser? Should it involve Commissions or service organizations like K of C?
 - Phyllis mentioned a parish picnic.
 - New building is very secure for the kids which makes it a bit hard to access on the spur of the moment. It is underutilized. Many people want to walk around the new facility.
 - BJ: maybe give tours during coffee/donut days?
 - Christie: maybe have a craft/vendor show or mom2mom sale in the new facility.
 - Mary asked if we'd get taxed on any fundraiser revenue. Fr. Mike said yes, unless service organizations like K of C are running it.
 - Mary noted that having MCREST sign up there did not work out well.
 - Bob: having coffee/donuts there might give people other stuff to do like air hockey or ping pong.

- Synod 16
 - Bob reported that he and Karen Dinoto attended, very positive experience. Synod goal is to fix various errors of the past 150 to 200 years – change the DNA of the archdioceses to focus more on the mission of the church and to become a “joyful band of missionary disciples.” Karen and Bob plan to have ideas to bring forward to the parish for involvement early in 2017.
 - 4 areas of focus for change (themes) are: Individuals, Families, Parishes and Archdiocesan Central Services.

Adjourned at 9:03pm