

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – 2/7/17

Members Present: Fiona Archer, Virginia Chadwick, Jason Dale, Mary DelRey, Ann Marie Gherardini, Laurie Hall, Jerry Campernel, Bob Murphy, Christie Petras, Fr. Mike, Jim Reid, BJ Stepien, Susie Waddell, Courtney Warunek

Called to order at 7:04pm

No enrichment

Pastoral Report:

FR. Mike-

Reported that there continues to be a lot of funerals. The lawsuit against the Youth Center architect continues and may for a long time, however, everything that was wrong has been fixed.

Fr. Tim is considering incardinating into the Archdioceses of Detroit. Fr. Tim will be at home from March until May.

Attended a meeting last Monday regarding the county's Hope, Not Handcuffs Program. Addiction problem continues to grow – discussion held.

Laurie Hall provided an overview of her previously emailed report.

Deacon Jerry reported he's been busy with funerals, vigils and Baptisms. Will be doing a Thursday night prayer service with Deacon Franz and some staff while Fr. Tim is away.

New Business:

Discussion held regarding greeting and welcome at masses.

Discussion held regarding using the Youth Center more. Perhaps for Super Bowl or other big TV viewing event as an alternative to going to a bar – could advertise as a non-alcoholic event.

Coffee/donuts in January was a bit short on help and was supposed to be in the Youth Center but was not due to other activities at the same time. Discussion held regarding some donors haven't seen the Center yet and Commissions should be involved in any plans to use it. Next coffee and donut Sunday will be March 19th.

Vicariate Report – Discussion regarding Synod.

Open Discussion:

How do we get more participation and make it easier? How do we breathe a culture of volunteerism? Personal contact works best but is the hardest. Some people are very busy and not prioritizing church. Perhaps have a table in the gathering area with information about what volunteer opportunities exist.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.