

St. Patrick's Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2018

Members present: Deacon David Dose, Bill Diedrich, Jennie Dieterman, Becky Lukes, Jerry Ott, Dennis Makoutz, Maria Schultz

Absent: Lea Sexton

Guests: Ann Marie Dose, Kendra Walker, Meg Sprick

Deacon David led opening prayer

The meeting began with an overview of what an "Observer" does and why. The observations will be reviewed in three months or so and if there is no value added by doing observations, we may omit them in future meetings.

Leader: Bill; Observer: Becky; Timekeeper: Jennie; Recorder: Maria

Meeting agenda was edited with "Kendra and Jerry for Faith Formation Committee Report" and "Youth Direction Discussion" moved to later on the agenda.

Minutes of April 12, 2018 were reviewed and approved with the correction of the spelling of Jennie's name.

Faith Formation Update: (Kendra) Currently 23 families with 49 students enrolled, eight Confirmandi, six First Communicants and no one enrolled in Grade 6. First Holy Communion is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 2019 (same day as St. Mary's); Steubenville dates are July 12-14, 2019; Dates for Camp Summit are not yet available and no one will attend "Celebrate Me" which is for 6th graders. Faith Formation tuition is on track; Two volunteers will take the VIRTUS certification and Kendra will be trained as a VIRTUS Facilitator next June.

Kendra expressed her interest in attending the FOCUS conference to be held in Indianapolis from January 3-7, 2019. Dennis reminded Kendra that the entire Council is available to offer her support and help with any areas of faith formation.

Kendra, Ann Marie and Maria attended the NET Ministries "The Gathering" which is for anyone involved with youth, faith formation or youth ministry. The topic was "Why Your Teens Might Leave the Church and What You Can Do About It." The emphasis was on targeting the 11-12th graders to live the faith beyond high school.

Action Item: Kendra and Ann Marie will create a list of ideas to consider implementing beginning with the current Confirmation class.

Action Item: Ann Marie will do a pilot survey with the current Confirmation classes (both SP and SM) on November 11 at the Confirmation rehearsal.

Action Item: Everyone can get to know the young people and greet them by name. This could be the first step to making them feel welcome and appreciated.

Faith Formation Committee Report: (Jerry and Kendra) Plans continue to move forward for the Fall Dance. The American Legion hall and the DJ have been reserved for Saturday, October 27. The dance will be from 7:00-10:00 PM followed by clean up. The best costume contest will begin about 8:00 PM.

Liturgy/Sunday Experience: The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick. Will begin planning for Advent.

Sound System in Church: Dennis reported that the electrical wiring was corrected and the system is operating up to speed.

Church Safety and Security: Dennis has been learning about church safety through the online videos at the Catholic Mutual Group website. He has the names of those who have offered to volunteer on the safety and security team for SP including the Faith Formation Director.

St. Patrick PVT (Formerly Fundraising Committee): Meg reported that there was a short meeting this evening and that SP has applied for a “Grants4Good-Family/Social” grant from Catholic United Financial to be applied toward the expenses of the Fall Dance. A rep from CUF will be invited to attend the next PVT meeting to answer questions and discuss further involvement with the CCW.

Maria submitted a Technology Grant (\$500) for a color printer/scanner on behalf of SP.

Youth Direction Discussion: Jerry and Lea have concluded that the EDGE/Lifeteen curriculum is too expensive to pursue for SP given the number of students. The focus is to continue to emphasize and work with the current programs that are available through the DOW-R.

In addition, Jerry has suggested that a “Youth Council” be formed. This council would have the responsibility and opportunity to brainstorm and share what types of faith-based activities and events they would like to have in our parish. It would help them take ownership and take on leadership roles. The first step is to create a questionnaire to solicit possible ideas.

Action Item: Ann Marie and Jerry will work together on creating a youth survey for those in grades 7 through 12 based on the survey already in place for the Confirmandi.

Pastor’s/Deacon’s Report: Deacon Dave reminded us that he and Ann Marie will be attending a Deacon’s Retreat from October 25-28. Advent Penance services have been scheduled – St. Patrick and St. Mary’s will be Sunday, December 2 at 3:30 PM in Lake City; Additional Penance services on Sundays during Advent at SP will be requested through the DOW-R.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- Chicken Barbeque and Silent Auction, Sunday, October 14 from 11:00-2:00 or until gone
- Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary’s – Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 PM; Confessions at 6:30 PM; Father Mark McNea, Celebrant
- Holy Day – All Saints Day, Thursday, November 1 Mass times:
SM – 6:00 PM and SP 7:30 PM
- Thanksgiving Mass at St. Joseph’s, Theilman, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM followed by social at Opera House; Msgr. Tom Melvin, Celebrant
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday, December 1 at 5:00 PM Mass; Bishop Quinn, Celebrant; Trying to schedule time for Confession before Confirmation.

Anything Else

Next Joint Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, November 15, 2018 **at SP**; Prayer at 6:30 PM - meeting at 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: St. Patrick’s Thursday, January 10, 2019; Leader: Dennis Makoutz; Prayer: Becky Lukes, if there is no priest.

Observations: Great discussion on helping the youth to get involved and engaged in learning their faith.

Deacon Dave led the closing prayer and gave a blessing.