

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Church of the Assumption and Church of the Resurrection Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

COTA and COR - PPC meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019
Resurrection – 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N	Name	Y or N
Allen, Lynn	Y	Fr. George Heyman	Y	Thompson, Bill	Y
Case, David	Y	LeBeau, Armand	N	Thompson, Jacky	Y
Ciaccia, Sandra	Y	LeBeau, Shannon	N	Walker, Anne-Marie	Y
Diggins, Phyllis	Y	Merante, Melinda	Y	Walsh, Maura	Y
Dreitlein, Bill	Y	Nguyen, Helen	Y	Wolf, Connie	N
Gleason, Rich	N	O’Gara, Thomas	N	Parasek, Karen (1 st alt)	Y
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	Reitz, Greg	Y	LaChapelle, Paul (2 nd alt.)	N
Fr. Carlos Sanchez	Y	Reitz, Cathy	Y		

Meeting called to order: Dave Case

Opening Prayer & Scripture: Prayer led by Cathy Reitz

- **Scripture Reading:** Luke 6:17, 20-26; **Question 1:** Are we a community that is welcoming and healing for all who come to us? How? How can we do this better?
- Each PPC member answered this question where many members said: “Yes” and described how we have many ministries that have helped thousands of parishioners and those in our community. For example: (1) RAIHN helps the homeless; (2) The funeral and bereavement ministries provide assistance to families during the difficult time of planning a funeral service; (3) The Stephen Ministry provides emotional support to those suffering from a wide range of problems.
- Suggestions of “How We Can Do Better” include:
 - Be Welcoming: PPC members should wear their name tags and say “hello” to those who come to church.
 - Have a committee that contacts those who stop attending church.
 - Increase the “diversity” of those attending the parishes.
 - Go beyond superficial surface conversation and get to know people on a deeper level.

Approval of January Minutes: Minutes approved.

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1. **YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS:** Margaret Osler and Ted Bianculli attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Youth Ministry at COR and COTA and to answer questions

COR Youth Ministry Program

- Margaret Osler as Coordinator of the Youth Ministry program explained how the lessons for confirmation and the social and relational component are part of a comprehensive youth program (6th to 12th grades). They have opportunities to go on mission trips and retreats.
- Sunday evenings: The program is “comprehensive” because the students participate in lessons, activities and social events all in one evening for two hours.
- The youth have very busy schedules so we need to motivate them to attend church. We need to pray for them to come to the church.
- Safe Environment: We need to get the youth to recognize Christ within them and have them know that they are loved for their identity as a child of Christ. Their true identity has nothing to do with how well they do with their grades or if they are a good athlete or popular in school. They need to feel safe and loved where we surround and fill them with Christ. They need to know that they can talk about anything including difficult topics like sex, drugs, depression and other pressures at school.
- The program needs to help the youth experience the Trinity by creating beautiful lessons and programming. We need to teach them lessons that help them live a life that God wants them versus how society tells them how they should live.
- Parental component: Parents are included in the lesson with teens and fundraisers.
- Leadership Program: Older Teens (seniors) assist with the younger teens who look up to them.
- Team of Volunteers: Cathy Reitz described how there should be a team of volunteers that can take over if the leader is sick or an emergency comes up. Her criteria for volunteers are: (1) Love God, (2) Love Children and (3) Have a Pulse
- Concerns about Growth: Margaret is concerned that Youth Ministry has grown so much and she doesn't want to lose the intimacy and closeness of knowing the students. She wants to continue to have small group time and having breakfast time with them before they go to school. If the group increases she may need help with the administrative work.

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COTA Youth Ministry

- **EDGE Middle School Ministry:** COTA has a separate Catholic middle school ministry program.
- **Youth Ministry Program:** Ted Bianculli explained that the components of the program include:
 - **Catechetical Lessons:** Helping the students see Christ within themselves. These lessons occur during a weeknight after school. For high schoolers, they attend classes to prepare them for the confirmation process.
 - **Sacramental:** God's grace comes through the Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation etc.
 - **Community:** fundraisers and service projects every month, including volunteering at the soup kitchen at Blessed Sacrament, Peanut Butter jelly brigade, Jesus and Java drink coffee.
- **Teen Life Program:**
 - A Catholic Youth Ministry organization with the motto: "Leading teens closer to Christ."
 - **Social Component:** For high schoolers about 4 to 45 may come on a Sunday evening to the 6pm mass and a social event afterwards. The number is based on if there are conflicts in their schedule such as extracurricular school activities, CYO basketball events or other ministries. This social component is completely **voluntary** so attendance varies each week.
 - Program comes with pre-planned lessons and has Confirmation and Liturgical components
 - Costs about \$1,000 a year.
 - EDGE is part of that Life Teen package.
 - While the Teen Life program has both a relational and comprehensive aspects, COTA has never adopted the comprehensive model of this program. Ted said that he was concerned how the relational model is voluntary and separate. He feels that the social component should be built it into a comprehensive model.
 - **Registration Forms:** The idea of COTA implementing a registration form for the Teen program was brought up so that parents and teens can see it as a formal investment vs. voluntary where they can just drop-in. May have a small cost and put it in writing.

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Faith Formation Program: Father George will ask Bethany Lyle and Cathy Reitz to attend the March PPC meeting to discuss the Faith Formation programs at COR and COTA.

MEN'S MINISTRY: Father George would like to discuss the idea of having a Men's Ministry where men gather together to discuss Catholicism, as well as socialize with one another. He invited Carl Lapp to the March meeting.

MASS TIMES: The PPC did not have enough time to discuss mass times. We will add this to the March Agenda.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019 at COR

Closing Prayer: Led by Greg Reitz and participated by all members

Respectively submitted,

**Helen Nguyen
Recording Secretary**