

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 11, 2019
Assumption – 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	Y	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	Y
Gonzalez-Smith, Maria	Y	O’Gara, Thomas	Y	Parysek, Karen (1 st alt)	N
Fr. Carlos Sanchez	Y	Reitz, Greg	Y	LaChapelle, Paul (2 nd alt.)	N
		Reitz, Cathy	Y		

Meeting called to order: Dave Case

Opening Prayer & Scripture: Prayer led by Maura Walsh

Approval of February Minutes: Minutes approved

Resignation of Rich Gleason: It was announced that Rich Gleason has resigned. It was unanimously voted by the PPC that Karen Parysek as the First Alternate will take Rich’s place will full voting rights.

1. CYO BASKETBALL:

- Carl Lapp who is in his third and final year of volunteering with CYO basketball spoke about the CYO. He described how many of the coaches for CYO are not required to be Catholic and is concerned how the CYO might change in the next few years. For example, will the coaches require the players to pray before and at the end of practices and games?
- Carl gave examples of how he has tried to create opportunities and social events to encourage coaches to participate in religious activities (pizza party after Stations of Cross; have opportunities for confession at a CYO event).

Carl also encouraged both parishes and all the ministries to access the CYO database, especially since CYO is biggest program in the Catholic Diocese. Specifically, the majority of children in CYO are not in the school of religion database.

- CYO is maxed out at 22 teams, 250 plus kids and around 55 coaches. Many of these participants are not practicing Catholics. We should try to create CYO events that encourage them to learn about Catholicism, attend church and provide opportunities for them to attend faith formation training or religious conferences.



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2. MEN'S LIAISON & MEN'S MINISTRY

- Carl Lapp talked about the importance of getting men involved in the church as a way to increase attendance by ALL family members. He recommended having a Men's Ministry where men gather together to discuss religious questions and issues, as well as to socialize. Examples include a rosary group, pool tournament and Men's Bible study.
- Donna DeJoode is working on ideas of adult enrichment social events that men can participate in.

3. CHURCH LIAISON POSITION

- Carl recommended that the church consider hiring a liaison who works with CYO Basketball, the Men's Ministry and Knights of Columbus. The liaison would ensure that CYO basketball practices did not conflict with masses, religious education classes and other important church functions. This position would be paid and the person would work with both parishes. He provided a job description.
- There was discussion about calling this position possibly a "Parental or Family Liaison".
- It was recommended that the Knights of Columbus and CYO work together when it comes to "marketing" events that men could participate in.
- Action Items: Examine and edit the job description that Carl Lapp provided. Do we add this paid position into the budget?

4. YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS: Bethany Lyle (Director of Faith Formation) and Donna DeJoode (Assistant Faith Formation Director at COTA) were invited by Father George to speak on this issue.

- COTA needs to make decisions about the Youth Ministry program with Ted Bianculli resigning in June. Should a new Youth Minister be hired this year? If we are not prepared in June to hire someone; we need an interim plan such as a parental volunteer. We cannot wait to decide in June about the interim plan. We also need to select the Teen Model that we will implement.
- Bethany Lyle spoke about how Faith Formation is a lifelong process that continues even after religious education class. From womb to tomb, we should try to encourage others to be disciples of Christ.
- Religious education's role is to spread and teach our faith to children because we should not see the youth as the future of the church but they are the church right now.
- Comprehensive Ministry at COR will be different at COTA because of the size; it would look different in every parish. You cannot take a model and just plop it in any church.

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- The Youth Ministry should be program driven and have a vision.
- Action Plan: A subcommittee will be formed who will examine these issues and provide specific recommendations to the PPC to consider in the upcoming months.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 at COR

Closing Prayer: Led by Dave Case and participated by all members

Respectively submitted,

Helen Nguyen
Recording Secretary