

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

February 1st, 2018

Present: Fr. John, Julie Gauvreau, Danielle Scheetz, Mark Manning, Don Carmichael, Annette Linden, Jon Axe, Ray Toombs, Vicki Simkovich, Darlene Stutz, Dan White, Terri Zunis, Grace Ogonek

- I. Faith Sharing by Vicki Simkovich- Mark 1:29-39
- II. Opening Prayer at 7:05pm
- III. Review of December 7th minutes –Dan moved to accept the minutes, Mark second, minutes approved
- IV. Feedback from Christmas mass pamphlet:
 - Overall was received greatly by parishioners
 - Ministries/ideas to include next year: liturgy committee, art & environment, ministry of care, parish festival details, # of members in each ministry
 - Father John added that there will be an Ash Wednesday handout
 - Idea was given to do handout at the parish festival as well
- V. Feedback from Baptism mass on Jan. 28th @ 11:00:
 - Invites went out 1st week of January
 - 9 out of 28 families attended, all sat together, enjoyed coffee/donuts after mass
 - Ideas for next year: include some sort of special welcome, symbolize who the families are that are there for that mass so that others can approach them before/after mass, invites to possibly include previous years baptisms and build upon it each year
- VI. Review of 2 goals from parish retreat
 - A. Recap Goal 1- Minister to families with children
 - \$4500 grant awarded and will be primarily used to purchase children's bibles for GLFF as well as children's mass booklets
 - Footprints of Faith and Step by Step material to be available in the gathering area
 - FACT team (Robin, Betty, Rick, Grace)-
 - i. FACT stands for FAMILIES & ADULT COMMUNITY TOGETHER, sort of left over from the generations of faith program
 - ii. family mass will be March 11th at 11:00
 - iii. focus will be to come prepared to mass, to celebrate and to share
 - Mass subcommittee working on ways to integrate families into mass-
 - i. Vicki suggested using sign-up genius for families to sign up to be greeters, ushers or whatever roles we would like for them to participate in mass (she will look further into how St. Jude uses it)

- ii. Mark suggested that kids shadow someone who normally does job so that the duty is filled
- iii. Idea to coordinate family masses for when children's choir is going to be singing (Vicki will look into it)
- iv. Grace would like to incorporate April/May family mass sign-ups into the March 11th mass
 - Incorporating this into the Lenten season- Holy Name holds Easter egg hunt for the kids and having the March 11 mass
 - Create online volunteer form (Jim Andrews)
 - Offer talk by families who volunteer together
 - Prayer intention box offered at mass (tradition started by Mary Manning)

B. Discuss Goal 2- Stewardship

- Educate parish on what stewardship is with manuals, different things they can do. Grace suggested for us all to visit the Diocesan stewardship website: <http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/stewardship/>
- Idea from Darlene to begin delivery of meals to homebound parishioners (approx. 10-12 receive communion that are homebound)
- Father John would like to bring back the skills bank
- Send a card or call to people who are not attending
- Connect the homebound to RCIA/confirmation candidates, similar to family ties
- Have a weekly stewardship clip put into bulletin (Grace)
- Group from Del Webb coming to mass- reaching out to groups like this to get them involved
- Going off of list of ill parishioners, finding a way to follow up with them to let them know we are praying for them, see if there's anything we can do, making it personal (current system is people/hospital call office- Ladies Guild/Holy Name/Care ministry sends a card- how to follow up with that?) Darlene will try to compile list
- Capitalizing on things like Ladies Night Out- people inviting people, get them to come back, build excitement for other things
- Inviting others to church

VII. Parish Council planning calendar- Please feel free to email Danielle with ANY additions please!

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Finance (Fr. John)

- Diocese is requiring new payroll system instead of in-house starting February
- Rooted in Faith campaign has concluded- \$215k estimated, \$205,500k actual and all money went to mortgage reduction

B. Building (Fr. John)

- Heating for 3 small classrooms, obtaining estimates- approx. \$16k
- Boiler in chapel is shot
- Capitol improvement fund is at \$60k

C. Welcoming (Danielle Scheetz)- 9 new members this quarter and they had more than 10 packets picked up at the Jan. 27/28 masses.

D. Pre-Cana (Jon Axe)- Pre-Cana day is scheduled for March 18th at St. Patrick's in Wellington. They have 9 volunteer couples.

E. Greater Grafton Partnership (Terri Zunis)- None.

F. Youth (Julie Gale)- No new report, but would like to keep this in the minutes to follow up on:

1. Grace will be helping to develop more focused youth group. They will try to double their numbers by 2019 with social development as their primary focus. Two ideas that were presented were to have the attendees of the NCYC present to the 7/8th graders at GLFF about their experience and also to get the youth kids involved in the FCA group that meets monthly at McDonalds.

G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau)-

1. Many ideas presented at their first meeting- possibly go down to a 2 day festival, get rid of rides and put that money towards fireworks or other family friendly activities, increase kids games, restructure raffle.
2. Idea given by Jon to have traffic signs put up ahead of time for the 5k race.
3. Next meeting is Feb. 15th

H. Parish Organizations

1. Holy Name (Dan White)- No new report.
2. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning)- Will be holding their annual fish fries during Lent.
3. Prayer Shawl (Ray Toombs)- Sister Joan handed out prayer shawls at UH Elyria and were very well received. They will have shawls for parishioners to take at February masses.
4. Comfort Caps (Vicki Simkovich)- Caps continue to be made. Volunteers are sewing behind the scenes. Info has been added on the website for their ministry.
5. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden)- Received names for 2 college kids from Mary Manning for the Family Ties program and sent them package at Christmas and will be sending them a Valentines package. Spaghetti dinner is Feb. 3rd.
6. Parish Nurse (Darlene Stutz)- Blood sugar/BP is Feb. 4th. Proposed exercise program is on back burner for right now.
7. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael)-
 - Contributing 59 bags/week to Midview

- Community meals is at 100 meals and had 18 cadets from Midview ROTC volunteer last month.
- Food pantry will do a Lenten food drive.

8. Other

- i. Women of Faith (Grace/Danielle)- next gathering is Feb. 5 and trying a Saturday gathering Feb. 10
- ii. Family Ties (Mark Manning)- No new report.
- iii. Technology Committee (Mark Manning)- No new report.
- iv. Pavilion (Mark Manning/Terri Zunis) – committee is looking to get ideas as to what everybody wants to see our pavilion look like. Will get 3 different estimates for all different types. Next step is to gather ideas, get renditions drawn up, form committee and obtain pricing for each in order to begin fundraising campaign.

IX. Pastor's Address-

- Feb. 10-11 Catholic Charities pledge weekend, May 19-20 2nd pledge weekend
- Bishop speaking at LCCC for 1st Friday Forum on Feb. 2nd (see Ray for extra ticket)

X. Items for March 1st meeting @ 7:00pm

- A. Next Faith Sharing Leader- Jon Axe John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (pg. 54 in book)

Danielle Scheetz, Secretary