

Prince of Peace Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

Attendees: Tim Popp(chairperson), Rich Elmore(vice-chairperson), Jeanne Gundrum(secretary), Dave Ingram, Chris Angelo, Lisa Weideman, Ellen Wing, Mike Milostan, Norb Pozen, Robert Fitzpatrick, Mary Dubicki, Thomas Even, Anmarie Andresen, Ann Fahey, and Liz Schoenke

Absent: Father Gerald

- A. Meeting opened by Tim Popp at 7:00 pm. Opening Prayer by Jeanne Gundrum.
- B. August minutes reviewed and approved. To be sent to parish office to be posted.
- C. Deanery Report-Last meeting at St. Raphael's on Aug 13, 2017.
 - a. Only 2 people in attendance.
 - b. Discussed Renew My Parish and scenarios.
 - c. Next meeting will be on Nov 8, 2017 at Prince of Peace.
 - d. There was some concern about the Deanery meetings having a small number of attendees. It was suggested that it might be because of summer months, but with Renew My Parish joining churches together, the meetings should be better attended.
 - e. Targeted end date of Renew My Church is slated to be done by January of 2018.
- D. Ministry reports

1. Liturgy

- a. Tim shared with us that the altar servers from the 60th anniversary mass, received a gift of a small cross from Cardinal Cupich.

2. Spiritual life-no report

3. Formation/Education

- a. Liz informed us that emails were sent to the parents about religious education classes starting for the 2017-2018 school year. Confirmation I & II classes start Sept 13 and religious education classes for K-6 start on Sept. 20. It was also stated that more volunteers were needed to help with teaching and assisting. Liz volunteered to see what positions are still needed, from Gina Stanley, and then create an email for the ministry heads, asking for help.
- b. Cardinal Cupich's visit to Prince of Peace, for the 60th anniversary was a huge success. He was very impressed with our building and grounds and was very personal with the people. There were 2 newsmen, from the Tribune and the Sun, taking pictures. Pictures were in their papers, and even made the front cover of the Tribune on Sunday, Sept 17. Cardinal Cupich even posted them on his Facebook and twitter accounts.

4. Pastoral Concerns

- a. Ann informed us that the mobile food pantry was here on Sept. 9, and served around 103 families. Lots of volunteers, including 7th and 8th graders. Grocery carts were borrowed from Meijer, and this helped tremendously with the workload. The kids are working on making a thank you card for Meijer.

1. Discussions led to donations from local businesses versus corporations. Some corporations are very difficult to ask, while some are very easy to engage.
- b. Ann also said that the St. Vincent DePaul community dinner, held on Sept 10, served 33 people. The next dinner will be on Oct. 8.
- c. St. Vincent DePaul will have new officers starting Oct. 10. Ann has said that she will reach out to them about the ministry fair.

5. **Community Life**

- a. The newcomers social gathering, held on Sept 17, was poorly attended. 42 families have registered since last April, but only 3 families showed up. It was suggested that people didn't show up because they were at the school's 60th anniversary mass, the day before.
- b. The Knights of Columbus
 1. Chris informed us that Gary thanks everyone for their help with the mobile food pantry.
 2. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Oct. 28.
 3. Tootsie roll sales have been a success for the past couple of weeks.
 4. The Knights will be getting new uniforms.
 5. The council thanks the Knights for the awesome job that the Honor Guard did, at the 60th anniversary mass.
- c. The Savvy Seniors
 1. Darlene told us that Savvy Seniors used the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard for one of their funerals. Chris said that the Honor Guard is trying to participate in more events.

6. **Parish Resources Commission-** No report

- E. Pastor's Report-Father Gerald was attending another meeting for Renew My Parish, and he submitted this in his absence:

Thank you for all who were about to be present for the 60th anniversary of our school. I walked Cardinal Cupich to his car and he was very impressed with Prince of Peace. I think we were able to see the Cardinal's personal side. Some of you were also able to see how our children worship as a school for the first time as well.

Renew My Church. Prince of Peace is grouped with St Bede, St Peter and St Raphael to look at evangelization, vocation, and leadership out here in the "Lakes Region". The Archdiocese will be providing some scenarios on how this may look. These scenarios will be talked about on Monday, October 2 at 7 pm in meetings rooms 1-3 of the Life Center. This is an important meeting. We expect Catholic schools to be a big part of the conversation. We have canceled all activities here at the parish to allow parishioners to attend.

Sorry I am unable to be with you tonight. I am at Raphael's tonight with Bedes and Peters. We are having our first grouping conversation from 6 to 9 pm. Whatever you decide for Friday I trust your judgement. Please get me any details you can for Saturday.

If there are things specific that you need me to address on Saturday as well I am open to suggestions.

Thank you again for all you do. We talked about the Ministry Fair at staff today and they are very excited. I shared with them the lay out and if there are things the staff can assist with please let me know that as well. Peace, Father Gerald

1. Tim's comments about the pastoral report:
Renew My Church is a multi-phase process. The last meeting was held on Sept. 11 and was more informational than anything else. There was little interaction, where table teams would write the pros and cons of their church and then discuss.
There are two groups: one is a small group of priest, staff, and parishioner (if church has a school, then the principal and a staff member will be part of this group); the other is a larger group, open to parishioners, to keep them informed of renew my church.
Our team consists of Father Gerald, Barb Ruhl, Jim Minor, Tony Gundrum, Brenda Baldassano, and Susan Hogan.
 2. The Renew My Parish meeting, with staff, was held tonight at St. Raphael's. They will be discussing scenarios of what the churches would want, need, expect, etc. The next open meeting will be help on Oct. 2 at 7pm, at Prince of Peace church.
 3. Tim offered to scan and send copies of the paperwork from the first open meeting, to anyone who was unable to attend.
- F. Fall Commission/Ministry Fair
1. Discussions about the Fall Commission on Saturday, before the business/planning session:
 - a. The theme of the Ministry Fair is "The Pathway to Our Ministries"
 - b. Jim Minor will be at the Fall commission, but not at the Ministry Fair. Mary and Jeanne volunteered to help watch their tables.
 - c. John Delisi said that he'd be at the Fall commission and the Ministry fair, and really wants to highlight the library.
 - d. Brenda Baldassano is unable to attend the Fall commission, so Lisa will be there in her place.
 - e. Robert suggested that we make a video of all the different ministries...ask them to record some snippets of their meetings or gatherings, and then combine to make a presentation to play at the Ministry Fair. It was decided that it's a great idea, but will take about a year to make, and to have this video as a goal for next year. We also suggested power points with still photos, taking photos, ourselves, of the booths, to use for next year.
 - f. It was suggested again, that all PPC liaisons, reach out to the ministry leads with a reminder email and with a personal invite via phone call or face to face chat.
- G. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, after closing prayer by Jeanne Gundrum. Liz Schoenke will do the opening and closing prayer at the next PPC meeting on October 24.

Submitted by Elizabeth Schoenke