

**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**4/21/16**

Attendance: Father William, Katie Edmonds, Marilyn Terhaar, Betty Jean Cordill, Mary Dunbar, Father Basil, Mindy Doeden

Opening prayer led by Mary Dunbar.

**Updates:**

- **Audit Report:** (Father William) The report has not been received from the Archdiocese.
- **Women's Group:** (Betty Jean Cordill) A meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Parish Center. This meeting is for all women interested in joining. It will focus on goals for next fall when the group puts their plans to action. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin this weekend inviting all interested women.
  - Betty Jean will talk with Sister Rocio about making an announcement from the pulpit at Spanish Masses this weekend.
- **Small Faith Sharing Groups' Survey Results:** (Marilyn Terhaar) Survey results were received from five groups. Groups are named by the materials they used. Comments included:
  1. *Rediscover Jesus (Matthew Kelly)* – members enjoyed daily readings and journaling. Having a book to follow was convenient.
  2. *Beloved (FORMED.org)* – instigated good conversation about marriage. Internet access was a difficulty for some members. Members suggested this program would be good marriage prep material.
  3. *Why Disciple* – members found discussion questions very good.
  4. *Opening the Word (FORMED.org)* – some found lessons repetitive and website access an issue.
  5. *Symbolon (FORMED.org)* – material was helpful and enjoyable but the website was difficult to access at times.

When asked if groups would like to meet year round, some surveyed said monthly meetings, with the exception of summer months might be nice. The majority felt groups meeting only during Lent are better. Groups also said they would like their priest to visit a meeting.

- **Pew Cards:** (Katie Edmonds) Janelle Gaspar and Katie have yet to visit.
  - Katie and Janelle will set up a meeting time.
- **Parish Website/eCatholic:** (Katie Edmonds) Katie presented the idea of switching our website to Administrative Council. Admin Council voted to go

ahead. Along with using the Archdiocese's much easier to navigate website format, we will be able to utilize their payment system. This will take the place of Parish Pay. Savings in fees will offset the cost of eCatholic. The switch will take place before July 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Parish Ministry Assessments:** (Father William & Katie Edmonds) All but six ministry leaders have returned responses. Information is being processed. The possibility of having a 'Ministry Fair' in September was discussed. Information from each ministry leader/group would be available to all parish members.  
The need for scheduled greeters at Masses was touched upon again. This might be tied into our newly forming Women's Group/Welcoming Committee.
  - Betty Jean will discuss this at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Women's Group meeting.
- **Marriage and Family Life (Father William)** – Presently there are no active ministries in this area.  
Mary Dunbar, Pro-life Committee Chair, let us know that on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in the Parish Hall, Jason Kidd, Marriage and Family Life Director for the Archdiocese, will present a program for parents and children called, "Sex and Chastity".
  - Mary Dunbar will ask Jason if he will allow it to be recorded and placed on our parish website.
- **Parish Unity Task Force:** (Father William) Meetings have been lively. The Knights of Columbus have asked the Hispanic Community to get involved with the Sunday Breakfast coming up. It was suggested that the Knights of Oktoberfest recruit bi-racial teams to prep and work together at Oktoberfest. The next Parish Unity Task Force meeting will take place April 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Father William will recommend the Oktoberfest idea at the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Father William will continue to look into ways to make both Anglo and Hispanic members aware of cultural behaviors that can be misinterpreted.
- **Faith Formation:** (Father William, Katie Edmonds, Mary Dunbar, Mindy Doeden) A Faith Formation Task Force met last weekend to discuss the future of our programs, especially our programs for children. Numerous ideas are being looked at. The objective of this task force is to revitalize our K-4 program and ensure we have a solid First Communion/First Reconciliation program in place before next fall. A long-term goal of uniting our Spanish/English programs is being discussed, too.

Louise Mohr submitted a proposal for an after-school 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group next fall.

Jill Wenger has announced her resignation as youth group leader effective in August. The task force is considering her replacement.

**New Business:**

- **Mercy Nights:** (Katie Edmonds) Council evaluated whether Mercy Nights should continue this summer/fall. All who attend speak highly of this event. Father William suggested different music options be considered to offset cost. A suggestion of donations was made to help pay for musicians.
- The annual **Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting** will be Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's in Woodburn.
- The **2016 Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly** will be November 4-5. Mary Fogarty and Victor Nava were nominated to represent our parish.

Our next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.