PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

11/12/2018


Absent: Sister Marilyn Dudek

Excused: Deacon Rob Ciezki, Bob Sweeney

Opening prayer: Ray Guagliardi

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Dave Jones. Dave asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 2018 with modifications to the list of attendees. Ray Guagliardi made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Maureen Meyers.

Announcements: Coffee Social hosted by St. Vincent DePaul was held on November 11th. The next one is scheduled for December 9th after 9:15 Mass and will be hosted by the Altar and Rosary Society.

There is a change to the April 2019 meeting date. The new date is April 15th in the rectory basement conference room.

Old business:

Subcommittee reports:

Evangelization: There are currently two people on this committee: Dave Jones and Drew McNichol. We are looking for more people to join this committee. Fr. Art contacted Fr. Jim Ciupek at Nativity in Orchard Park for more information on their program. There was also discussion on contacting new parishioners.

Outreach/Social: Had its initial meeting under the guidance of Fr. Cole. This committee will spearhead the plans for the 175th parish anniversary celebration in 2019. The committee consists of Jennifer Meyer, Ray Guagliardi and Fr. Cole.

Ministry: the committee is headed by Jacob Rachwal, and members are Jim Moscato & Judy Shelley. One topic for the committee to follow up on is the yellow cards, which is the way parishioners express interest in joining the various ministries. Through the efforts of this process a new member joined the Finance Committee. The main purpose of the cards is to put people in touch with the ministry they would like to join, and follow-up by the ministries is crucial.

Buildings & Grounds: is headed by Dianne DiPasquale, and members are Joe Herrmann, Maureen Meyers and Warren Ristine. A meeting is scheduled in December. The Parish Handbook and parish council selection procedures will be updated by this committee.
Update on Parish survey: Drew McNichol headed the committee. Updates will be in the November 18th bulletin and are also available on the website. Fr. Art has reached out to The Chancery is awaiting answers on issues.

New Parish Directory: Plans are moving forward for the new directory. The directory is a very well-used tool for our priests and participation is strongly encouraged.

Book: Messy and Foolish was distributed to pastoral council members at the September retreat. Discussion is tentatively scheduled for the February 2019 meeting.

Eucharistic Ministers: Fr. Art explained that there is a new sheet available to all Eucharistic Ministers detailing changes in the ministry. Sheets are on the table in front of the parish library. According to Fr. Art the dates of upcoming trainings at Saints Peter & Paul will be determined by the diocese. A January 2019 date was discussed but not finalized. A variety of signup methods for masses was discussed.

Parish business cards: the order was sent to Evenhouse Printers for printing.

New business:

Active shooter training: Active shooter training was done in the school in conjunction with Hamburg Police. Similar training will be offered to anyone in the parish community. Fr. Art also reached out to Terry Dunford, a parishioner who works with Homeland Security, who arranged for a safety assessment of the church grounds. Members of the parish council and clergy attended as Sargent Neil Held of the Erie County Sheriff’s Department did an assessment of the grounds on Saturday, November 10th. Much information was discussed and there will be much more discussion going forward.

VIRTUS: Sarah Sutcliff informed the Council that she is looking for more help to get the word out to ministries to have their members complete all training if they are involved with youth or provide services for programs for youth. There will be more discussion on this topic at December’s meeting.

Youth Group: coordinator Jacob Druzbik is planning a dinner conversation night about “Sharing Christ, Following Christ” with much more information to come. He is looking for facilitators.

Next meeting: Monday, December 10th, 2018.

Motion to adjourn: made by Dave Jones, approved by Ray Guagliardi, seconded by Jim Moscato.

Submitted by: Joe Herrmann, PC secretary