Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

Pastoral Council Meeting

January 5th, 2020

The meeting was held at the new parish center at Saint Mary’s and called to order at 7:00 pm.

Role call of council members and guests:

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<th>Role Call</th>
<th>Ray Wagner</th>
<th>Jessica Hagg</th>
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<td>Peter Lando (co-chair)</td>
<td>Chicki Rigazio</td>
<td>Paul Therrien</td>
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<td>Scott Davidson (co-chair)</td>
<td>Mike Condor</td>
<td>Laura Conte</td>
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<td>Father Brian Mahoney (absent)</td>
<td>Angie McMaster</td>
<td>Augustine Tweneh</td>
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<td>Father Corey Bassett-Tirrell</td>
<td>Drew Jubinville</td>
<td>Karen Drake</td>
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<td>Seminarian Andrew John Rondelli (absent)</td>
<td>Lori McDonald</td>
<td>Rob Donnelly</td>
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<td>Ellen St. George</td>
<td>Delaney Schiefen (youth)</td>
<td>Cathy Latina</td>
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<td>Beth Jacavanco</td>
<td>Steve McMillan</td>
<td>Matthew Kunze (youth)</td>
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<td>Katrina Horan</td>
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<td>Jim Robson (guest)</td>
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1) The meeting began with an opening prayer led by Father Corey.

2) The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved.

3) Father Corey then went over the following.
   a) The weekend Mass schedule may possibly change around June 1st when the Faith Formation year is over. Part of the Sunday morning Mass schedule will be garnered towards making it more convenient for families with children in the Faith formation program to attend Mass as a family. He also mentioned that when the time comes the collaborative is short another Priest, the daily Mass will also change.
   b) An update on the weekly offertory variances for both parishes was discussed next. Although there had been an increase when Father Brian addressed the parishioners of both parishes a couple months ago, it appears both are going back to a weekly shortfall situation again. Father Corey stated, “Our financial status is a revenue issue, not an expense issue. The collaborative is not running on a low-fat budget. It is running on a no fat budget! Our collaborative is probably the largest around.” Therefore, it requires more to sustain itself. Whether it is financial and/or the volunteering of time, getting more parishioners involved is much needed. The more our parishioners get involved, the stronger our collaborative will become. As the old saying goes, “There is strength in numbers”.

4) Angie McMaster then asked for an update on the music ministry at Saint John’s. She asked what plans are in place due to Jay Gaudette leaving Saint John’s parish for a new endeavor. With the change in Mass schedule coming in a few months, it will not be necessary now to have two full time music directors on staff. Saint Mary’s music director John Volpe will be the interim music director for both parishes with assistance from Larry Clawson from Saint Johns and Margie Sidari from Saint Marys.

5) Peter Lando gave a quick update on what the Initiatives Committee has been doing. This committee held a half hour meeting just before tonight’s P.C.C. meeting. Along with coming up with a mission statement they are also working on a list of potential community outreach events that they hope not only involves members of the collaborative but the entire local community. The hope is to recruit people with various talents to share with others in forming a more close knit community.

6) Tonight’s guest was parishioner Jim Robson. He brought with him a relic from the veil of our blessed mother Mary. He explained the story of Mary possibly giving Gaspar, who was one of the three kings, her veil during their visit. Jim then shared his level of knowledge of some of the Saints and would like to have a weekly series to educate and to display his relics to those interested. Father Corey asked Jim to email him about setting up some dates.
Rob Donnelly stated to Father Corey that his Christmas tree was still up... lol 😊  
Cathy Latina expressed that there is confusion with the scheduling of greeters at the weekend Masses. There appears to be a glitch with the scheduling software as Lori McDonald mentioned the same was going on with lecturers. She will contact Rae Russo.  
Scott Davidson announced there is extra hour of Adoration Wednesday, January 8th, at Saint Johns at 7:00 in the church. Would like to see more adults attend as many students of the Faith Formation program will be present. Beth Jacavanco asked for a blessing for the Prayer Shawl ministry at an upcoming Mass on January 19th. She appreciated the ‘thank you’ the ministry received from Sunny Acres nursing home. Father Corey stated that the Pastoral care at that facility is exceptional. Beth then asked for prayers for the upcoming teaming of women’s ACTS retreat which will occur in April.  
Jessica Hagg notified the group that she is a safety monitor at Saint John’s for the middle schoolers while faith formation is going on.  
Jim Robson thanked the group for being invited.  
Drew Jubinville promoted the men’s ACTS retreat again as it is quickly coming up and encouraged the men present who have not attended one yet to attend and asked the women present to invite their husbands to attend. On a different topic, in his opinion, he also feels the issues expressed at the last P.C.C. meeting pertaining to the faith formation program is definitely having an effect on the music ministry at Saint Johns. Augustine Tweneh noticed the elevator certificate at Saint John is expired. Father Corey thanked him for bringing this up and will look into this immediately.  
Ray Wagner asked for a volunteer to take minutes at the next P.C.C. meeting as he will be attending his weekly men’s ACTS retreat team meeting as he is one of the Co-Directors.  
Ellen St George expressed that the Saint Vincent de Paul organization needs a refrigerator. Jessica Hagg will contact Tina Sousa as she may have one. Ellen also stated that the Prayer Shawl ministry has made over 200 shawls over past year and is also so grateful for Sunny Acres nursing home as well. Laura Conte said the food pantry at Saint Mary’s is overflowing again. Father Corey will look into it. Lori McDonald asked Drew Jubinville if he had an update on the sign he was working on at Saint Marys. He said he will have it completed over the following week.  

**List of tasks to be completed prior to next month’s meeting**

a) Review of monthly meeting minutes by ALL P.C.C. members once they are sent via email by Ray.  
a) Update from Initiatives Committee.  
b) Update on facility projects by Father Brian.  
c) Father Brian’s Annual Spaghetti Dinner new date.  

Closing prayer was led by Chicki Rigazio  

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm  

**Next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday February 3rd, 2020 – 7 pm**  

Respectfully submitted  

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Ray Wagner