

St. Patrick Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Patrick CCD Center December 3, 2015

Time: 7:00

Council Members Present: Lynne Ryan, Jeff Eilers, Marcia Nachtman, Ben Quint, Donna Prier, Gina Schulte, Ed Glynn, Sharri Wenger, Tony Helmricks, Sarah Gudenkauf, Deann McDonald, JoEllen Helmricks, Jane Quint

Members Excused: Matt Price

Youth Representatives Excused: Hannah Marbach, Cassie Eilers

Staff Present: Lori Cole, Father Joe Schneider

Meeting was called to order. Mission statement was read. Minutes of the August meeting were approved by consensus.

Faith Formation: The Closing on the St. Paul's building will be in the next few weeks. Proceeds will be divided between the three parishes according to the investment at the time of construction. The Archdiocese of Dubuque had the largest group of young people, with 1,600, at NCYC which was held in Indianapolis. Father reported that the trip was faith filled and those involved were appreciative of the opportunity. He looks forward to seeing how the kids will step forward to make a change because of this experience.

Building and Grounds: Light bulbs were changed to LED. The actual bid came in lower than expected. Joe and Lois McNamara have chosen to give up the snow removal duties. Bruce Quint has taken over these duties. It was brought to our attention that closets and the basement of the church are in need of cleaning. It was approved by the council to have the Building and Grounds committee take care of this as they see fit.

Financial Committee: Financial statements were reviewed for year to date. Savings is down due to the decrease in giving because of the October evening mass. Otherwise everything is on track.

Social Circle: There will be a soup supper in January with the evening mass. The breakfast groups from February, March, and April will be used for the Fish Fry in March. Concern was voiced by the leaders, about the challenge they faced when trying to fill their spots. They were grateful for Mary Kelchen and Jan Eilers, who agreed to fill their roles. A list of duties will be drawn up so that this position does not seem so overwhelming.

Cluster Pastoral Council Report: The next meeting is in February

Cares and Concerns: The House Walk will be held December 5, from 4 - 8 and December 6, from 9-12. The homes of Rae Ellen Lyness and Mary Kelchen will be open. Proceeds will go to the Delaware County Food Pantry and The Mentoring Connection. Donations have been made to families in need, the baby bottle campaign, and Operation Santa Claus. The Coat and Mitten drive was very successful. Many organizations have a need for adult and children's socks.

Liturgy Committee: Mass times for Christmas at St. Patrick Church will be 6:00 on Christmas Eve, and Father Gaul has volunteered to say Mass at 9:30 on Christmas morning. First Communion will be held in Ryan on Saturday, April 9 at 5:30.

Gala Committee: The date is set for February 6, 2016. There will be a 4:00 mass followed by a 6:30 meal with Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu. The entertainment is set up with Trivingo, a great entertainer for all ages. There will also be a live and silent auction. Invitations will be sent out after the first of the year. RSVP by January 22. The cost is \$30 per person. Raffle tickets will be available for 5 - \$100 bills.

New Business: Attendance numbers were discussed for each of the classes offered for high school and middle school students. The daytime numbers are declining. The council approved the sale of a buffer to the Legion.

Business Manager Report: St. Patrick's TAXA went down this year. A rebate of 476.65 was received for the installation of LED lights.

The next meeting will be held in the RE Center on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharri Wenger, Secretary