

# **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **November 10, 2016**

Attendance: Doris Champagne, Ryan Gerling, Janet Schnoebelen, Steve Vorwerk, Keli Oleson, Liz Sanning, Mary Rosenberg, Father Marty, Father Bill, LuAnn Glaser

Father Marty addressed both parishes' Pastoral Councils. He asked if anything needed to be discussed with the whole group. Nothing was raised. He asked if we are on the right path here. The response was affirmative.

Father Marty said he would revisit the Mass schedule in 6 months. He asked if everyone was happy with the Mass schedule. Concerns were expressed that there are too many Masses for the clergy, but Father Marty is looking out for the person who will follow him. Some people think the retired priest could do more Masses, so when people ask, tell them he is retired. To get a retired priest costs money. Income in both parishes is down. Father says he needs to keep a schedule for Masses that is consistent. He asked the Pastoral Council members to keep up the good work.

Father Bill led prayer for the Ss. John and Paul Pastoral Council.

Two-minute verbal reports

- A. Does anything need to be clarified? NO
- B. Is there overlap between what the commissions are working on that needs to be sorted out? NO
- C. Are any of the commissions floundering or in need of assistance? NO

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Christmas Eve Mass at the Auditorium was discussed. Ryan Gerling explained that the Regional Council was disbanded before they discussed the Christmas Eve Mass. Liz Sanning and Ryan explained what needs to be done to help. Set-up is December 23 and tear down is December 27. There are several student groups that could be asked to help.

Liz asked if there are any concerns with having the meetings at Notre Dame.

Someone on the Administration Commission asked about transparency, and wondered if since SSMP puts their minutes in the bulletin, SSJP should put their minutes in the bulletin.

There was a question about having a remind app or text to parishioners about events.

Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols will be the first Friday in December.

Parish Concerns: None

Long Term Planning: Will begin in January.

Father Bill heard from several commissions that SSMP's and SSJP's Commissions should meet together.

For long term planning the parish will need to have the capacity to send mass e-mails to parishioners. There is a need to determine how to compile an e-mail list. It was stated that there is a need to determine how to target the groups in the parish. It is necessary to think about the needs for the groups and the need for confidentiality. The parishioners will probably need to be asked for information.

A suggestion was shared to send a postcard or e-mail to everyone to invite them to Christmas Mass.

Father Marty indicated we are looking at a parish app. Father Marty is interested in seeing how the virtual retreat will go.

Father Marty led closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser

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