

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11, 2017

SS. John and Paul Parish and SS. Mary and Patrick Parish held their Common Leadership Night at Notre Dame. Father Marty called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and led the opening prayer.

Father Marty announced that the new Lay Directors for Divine Mercy Parish are Bruce Brockway and Dave Ehret. The Lay Directors, along with the Bishop, the Pastor, and the Parochial Vicar comprise the corporate board for the parish.

Stewardship Fairs are being held May 28 at St. Paul Church, June 25 at St. John Church, and July 30 at SS. Mary and Patrick Church. The Fair is needed to recruit people to the commissions and their various committees. Members were reminded to call anyone who signs up for a committee or organization.

Each Commission is asked to come up with one guiding value for Divine Mercy Parish. As an example, Father Marty shared ten values developed by another parish.

There will be no Common Leadership Night in July.

Father Marty shared that the merger process has been difficult for some of the parishioners. Some people have hurt feelings about the parish office. Father indicated he asked Jerry Strause to come up with ideas for parish offices. He asked the members to talk to him if they have a problem. He is having difficulty with people taking their frustrations out on staff and fellow parishioners. He needs everyone in leadership positions to be positive. He indicated that we wouldn't agree on everything. There are appropriate places to bring things up. If you feel that you cannot be positive or cannot deal with Father, you can step down from the commission. We don't want to fail. The suggestion was made to use the old parish names until July 1st, rather than Divine Mercy, but parishioners are requested to use the Divine Mercy name. When someone is talking about a specific building, they can use the name of the specific building. Father Bill indicated we need to embrace the name and unity of parishioners.

Two-Minute Verbal Reports

The Administration Commission shared that the Communication Committee has two new members. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is overseeing three major projects: remodeling the parish office, finishing renovations at SS. Mary and Patrick Church, and preserving the windows at St. John Church and St. Paul Church. The core value their commission selected is: strengthening our faith by sharing with others.

The Community Commission planned the food for Father Marty's 25th anniversary reception. They also planned for the Stewardship Fair in May. The commission chose as their core value: caring for the community.

The Formation Commission discussed lining up greeters for Father Marty's 25th anniversary Mass. They also discussed the Stewardship Fair and the Fall Fest. Generational faith is the core value the commission selected.

The Outreach Commission discussed the Stewardship Fair, which Betty Schroeder is coordinating. The Giving Tree committee gave gift cards to needy families in March and is planning to give gift cards in June and September, with contributions from parishioners. The commission chose as their core value: building relationships with God and each other.

The Worship Commission planned for Father Marty's 25th Anniversary Mass including a worship aid, flowers, servers and ushers, and parishioners to pass out prayer cards. The core value the commission decided upon: The Eucharist is the foundation of our faith.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next meeting is June 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser