

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting

June 21, 2017



Pastoral Council in Attendance: Nancie Chmielewski, Lucy Birschbach, Jackie Dombrowski, David Hansen, Sherrie Jacomet, Mary Beth Javorek, Brad Julga, Roger Julga, Pat McKay, Judeen Schulte, Chuck Thimmesch

Not Present: Candy Krepel, Brian Neal, Phil Pares, Cathie Slater

Prayer: Judeen Schulte led the prayer, asking for persons to reflect on a saying by Sr. Augustine Scheele, "I'm not afraid of tomorrow, I've seen yesterday and I am in love with today."

Pastoral Transition Committee Report: The Transitions weekend was great. Father Bill really loved the gift from the Pastoral and Finance Councils. He became emotional. Judeen Schulte attended two of the masses and commented she liked the simplicity of how the mass was done and the blessings of both Father Bill and Nancie Chmielewski. Everyone agreed the liturgy was a beautiful service.

Parish Director's Report: Nancie Chmielewski mentioned that they are changing the morning Mass schedule. Starting in July, Tuesday morning Mass will be once a month. The Monday, Thursday, and Friday community service may change a little. Starting in August, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Father Bill will do mass along with reconciliation and anointing. On the 2nd Wednesday, Nancie will lead a prayer service.

Staff has been discussing restructuring Community Weekends and looking for different ideas. One thought is to highlight a committee once a month. December's Community Weekend will be coordinated with a focus on the Haiti Mission and will include the Haitian craft sale.

The week after Labor Day, GIFT Formation will make a pulpit announcement and introduce Taylor Baar to the community as the new Director of Youth Ministries.

The GIFT Schedule is in progress with the theme, Here Comes Everybody. Some of the topics are the Letter of James, Church in the Real World, Body of Christ, Saints and Sinners, Welcoming all people, A Walk through the Mass, Human Trafficking and Safeguarding Kids, Symbols of the Triduum, and Aspect of Oregon Catholic Press. The staff will invite anyone at St. Gregory's to attend. Nancie Chmielewski reinforced that GIFT is intergenerational and has something for everyone.

Finance Council: Chuck Thimmesch said that the Finance Council will meet on June 27th. Contributions had been strong for the first five months. We were \$53,000.00 ahead but there are additional expenses in June. The Improvement Fund is down about \$35,000.00 because the security system was updated and maintenance was performed in the boiler room. Building and Grounds hasn't had a meeting, but the windows are going to get done in stages. Room 10 has had remodeling done; the room now has a mini kitchen and new ceiling. It will be used for funerals and meetings. We did a small tour to see the progress and it is very nice.

Formation: -Dave Hansen let us know that they are searching for a Kitchen Coordinator for the GIFT program. Taylor Baar is getting settled in, working with the teenagers. Discipleship Institute is working on a booklet.

Discipleship Institute and Liturgy: No report from the Discipleship Institute or Liturgy.:

Southwest Deanery: Brad Julga commented that major items from the April 26th Spring meeting were provided on the Council agenda. He talked about *Create in me a Clean Heart*, the Bishops Pastoral on Pornography, and had some handouts (see attachments). He also said that Our Lady of Lourdes always gets compliments on some of our programs that are going on, such as the Disciple Institute or our technology.

Social Justice Pat McKay reported that the meeting date has changed. Everyone is very interested in the Affordable Health Care Act. The Committee received a copy of a letter the Archbishops sent to Senators. A copy of the letter is going in the bulletin. In October, a representative from St Vincent de Paul will be here. St. Vincent de Paul has a lobbyist in Washington DC. Although they have direct services for people, they are also involved in advocacy for the people. The Bridge Act has not had much action recently. Social Justice will be working with the GIFT program on the Human Trafficking program in March of 2018. UWM is also having a program on same topic in October for anyone interested.

Parish Life Committee: Lucy Birschbach is continuing to work on this project. She gave a handout of the people on the different ministries.

Bread of Healing Clinic did not have anything to report.

The *Catholic Herald* Website has the Bios for Bishop Jeffrey Haines and Bishop James Schuerman.

Future Directions: Nancie Chmiewski said she believed the role of the Pastoral Council is to be a visionary group to brainstorm how we grow as a parish. She presented the group with questions to think about over our break: How do we implement these ideas? How do we go forward? How are we nurturing ourselves? How are we putting the pieces together? What are we doing outside of the building? How are we going to connect with different ethnic groups? How are we reaching out to the others? Are we striving to see the face of Christ in everyone? How are we reaching the needs of the younger people?

Next Meeting September 20, 2017

Prayer for next meeting: Judeen Schulte and other volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Javorek