

Pastoral Council Minutes 3/13/2018

Attendees: Father Greg Esty, Mary Lou Wilharber, Dave Kircher, Susie Irlbeck, Sonya Murray, Matthew Hazzard, Julie McCarthy, Kevin Lehman

Approval of previous minutes: Minutes approved as written.

Pastors Report:

- A significant number of funerals and anointing of the sick.
- It's great to be a community of faith.
- Concerns:
 - A low number of people at the reconciliation service. 3 priests scheduled, they were not needed. Low participation from parents among Second grader going through first reconciliation.
 - Discussion around communal reconciliation and fear of face to face confessions resulting in low participation.
 - Direction will be taken from Archbishop Hebda on this.
 - Need to face the reality that the "Sacrament of Exit" for most Catholics is now First Communion, not Confirmation.
 - More volunteer engagement is needed for the St. Andrews Shelter.
 - We need to get the word out, consider a pulpit announcement.
 - We Need to look at engaging parents and making the curriculum user friendly and coaching them compared to what we do now. Ideas include:
 - engaging retreats for confirmation including sponsors
 - Require adult curriculum and parent commitments, especially in second grade.
 - Mass participation incentives for children to track.
- Positive notes:
 - Great potential in a growing community.
 - Good retreat experience

Review of Minutes:

- Clarified that the Liturgy Committee is looking for Panels for sound projection
- Marriage gift discussion from CCW. Consider a book.
- Almost 600 people at the fish Fry, excellent hospitality.

T.E.D Talk Final Planning

- Finalized food and beverage rules and details
- Discussed Icebreaker activities. Consider a quiz: Firsts for Pope Francis
- Discussion questions for small groups.
- Identify next topic. Time identified for next session as May 17th
- Father will M.C.

Feedback on the Retreat:

- 61 attendees mostly different from the previous year.
- Enjoyed the subject matter and process.
- Picture prayer process
- Host Jane Cavanagh is an expert in getting people to respond and share.
- Community building.
- The CCW will have Jane return next year. Considering lowering the price to \$20 for next year.
- Time format was a positive.

Parish Council Recruitment / Hospitality:

- Volunteer this Sunday.
- Consider people who you feel should be part of the council.

How is your Lent Going:

- Discussion of practices including resources from Matthew Kelly, Little Black Book, Bible studies, Richard Rhor and others.
- Focus on helping families and loved ones.

Chapter 3 Of Church Faith Future:

- Deferred until next meeting.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 10th 7:00 PM