

Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, February 8, 2018

Attendance: Lisa Siedl, Kathy Moritz, Brett Sims, Charles Olson, Mike Rasmussen, Brent Harris, Kevin Ortmeier. Others in attendance include Fr. Tom and Lindsey Hess (secretary).

RF Committee: Ron not here to report

Finance Committee: Mike reported financial review of books occurred. Parish has grown and activities are much bigger. Scrip needs more detailed reporting due to size of funds. We Share costs need to be absorbed in budget. Home and School budget will need to be absorbed by budget, meet monthly to discuss what is happening in home and school finances. Fall Festival is too large for one group and should run through business office. Other groups with large budgets should report through business office.

Discussion occurred regarding Treasurer and Business office operations. Report needed to explain what costs are and the expectation is to follow the budget.

Charter West Operational CD cashed to pay for vestibule.

Year to date: Cafeteria is breaking even, Sunday Offertory is good, hope it stays. Capital Campaign 816 cards pledged \$6,186,000. \$150,000 was paid on the principal this month. Finance committee discussed the need to promote planned giving, budget process has begun.

Discussion was had regarding live love pledge drive asked and why Charter West CD was cashed out. Discussed budget for SPIRIT with expense \$65,000 with income \$350,000 with goal to again net \$285,000.

School Board: Representative not present to report. Announcements have previously been made regarding teacher contract changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Meitler Study/Devine Renovation: Staff beginning to show interest again. Staff into chapter 6th. Prayer partners request has been initiated. Staff meetings are now looking at the upcoming gospel and doing Lexio.

Parish Theme: Discussion regarding being sure to stay on track with Meitler study with implementation of 150th theme. Need to be sure to always connect event back to Meitler study focus. Continue to focus throughout rest of year. Need to work on how we communicate to be sure the message gets out to people and grasp attention. Continue to promote social media, app, website. May need to make announcement about options for communication.

Committee Report List: Mike prepared a committee list and contact information. Group reviewed list with goal to have list of individuals to assist with communication from Parish pastoral council to each group. PPC used to reach out to each group asking for updates. Idea now is to reach out quarterly or yearly with information regarding contact person to allow for communication. Thought now is to divide list and conquer so they have information regarding PPC as resource for them. The goal is to allow

others an avenue to learn what PPC does. We do have PPC email distribution list and can reach out that way. Concern regarding keeping list up to date in order to be successful. We can approach the leaders of the parish to ask them to keep us up to date on contact information changes. Who would own that list as changes happen?

Mike will create email list for group leaders.

Additional Unfinished Business: We will need to update PPC guidelines to include secretary position changes. Brett to complete.

New Business:

Alcohol Request Guidelines: Discussion regarding Pastoral Council guidelines and whether it is PPC role to approve the alcohol requests. Suggested that Facility Manager could be person to approve requests. Facility Manager can make decision and then know who to contact with questions. Will need to update policy to include that form should go to Facility Manager and she could provide PPC with report to review at meeting. If Facility Manager needs assistance with decision making process they will look to PPC for support. Brett will update policy, Kathy will update form, and Brent will follow up with Business Manager.

Activity Center Rental: Brett motioned that we override our previous decision and allow Facility Manager to determine if parishioners and parishioner referrals are able to use activity center, Mike seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding needing to be referred by parishioner to use activity center. Wear and tear on facility was discussed. Question regarding what the purpose of the facility was. Did we create it for a revenue source or for the use of our parishioners? Brett resends his motion at this time. Do we need to have open gym time so parishioners can use it? Maybe we need to let people know how to use facilities if wanted. Need to discuss if Wednesday night gym time is an option. Will need to have further future discussion to make any changes to current use procedures.

Liturgy Suggestions: Discussion regarding incorrect songs on board and need for printed song sheets if not using book, other areas of music/liturgy being done effectively. If there are concerns we need to press for more details.

Development Committee: What is the development committee? We may need someone from development committee to come to our parish pastoral council meeting to update PPC. This Development Committee group is meeting to brainstorm ideas for growth.

What is Greatest Need at St. Pats: We need direction, a strategic vision for future. We tend to be reactive as a parish.

House or Home: Brent shared reflection. Goal is to change people's lives. Participate in what you believe in. People would be participating more if we believed more in Catholic faith and parish. Is St. Pat's a house or a home? How can we help individuals who feel they are on the outside?

Homilies: Discussion presented regarding including praying with parish during homily, talking to Jesus in addition to talking to us.

Next Meeting: March 1st 7pm Rectory