St. Peter’s Pastoral Council Meeting

February 21, 2019

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Fr. LeRoy Scheierl | Present | Ione Jacobs | Present |
| Judy Blommel | Absent | Paula Tholl | Absent |
| Joyce Kron | Present | Troy Cagle | Absent |
| Steve Gottwalt | Present | Lorraine Jungles | Present |
| Jason Schindler | Present | Michele Olmscheid | Present |
| Lynn Imholte(Trustee) | Present | Mike Woods(Trustee) | Present |

 Others Present: Jean Schmitz

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer at 6:30 p.m.

 :

**Approval of Agenda:** The meeting agenda was approved.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes from the November 15, 2018. meeting were approved as submitted.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Finance Committee** (presented by Jean Schmitz): Our year-to-date operating income is looking good at the present time. Our income increased in December and January (as it historically has done in the past). Several individuals make one-time or special contributions to the parish from their IRAs or other interests during those months. The collections tend to decrease during the spring and summer months.

We received a $52,369 assessment for the first phase of street, water, sewer, and sidewalk improvements that affected the south side of our parish buildings. The second phase is scheduled to be completed this summer at a projected cost of $210,420. The other three sides of our buildings will be completed with this project.

1. **Liturgy** (presented by Steve Gottwalt):

A Holy Week schedule, starting Palm Sunday, will be published shortly. There will be some consolidation of masses during Holy Week.

The Paschal Candle has been ordered from Cathedral Candle Company.

Palms for Palm Sunday were ordered through St. Cloud Bookshop.

Faith formation families continue to be part of worship at our Ash Wednesday mass.

Stations of the Cross—It is our goal to invite youth to participate in Stations of the Cross Friday evenings during Lent.

A husband and wife joined our parish recently after seeking a “home parish” for worship. They attended mass here and felt welcome and comfortable. Their experience is good feedback for us and a reminder of the power of encounter in church.

Dinner production of “Annie” will be presented March 1-3. Over 50 people are involved in some way in the production.

Logistics of our four-church community cluster remain a concern. A new mass schedule is an important first step. Music and liturgy work hinges on mass times—to plan and rehearse music, set choir and cantor schedules, and recruit and train volunteers for the liturgical year.

St. Peter and St. Paul are going forward with the current mass schedule for the summer (unless told otherwise) for scheduling volunteers for weekend masses. Recruiting and training new mass ministers and retaining current ministers will certainly be important parts of discussion and require more collaboration.

We do not have enough sacristans or ushers for our summer schedule. We would like to see mass ministry added to a future council meeting agenda.

1. **Maintenance** (presented by Fr. LeRoy): Some of the recent maintenance items include: boiler challenges, tractor repair, replacement of switches, GFI outlets in the kitchen, replacement of carpet in the Welcome Center (donated by a parishioner), replacement of tile in classrooms used by Tri-Valley and replacement of carpeting in the corridor adjacent to their classrooms (paid by Tri-Valley).

It was noted that the doorbell for the Welcome Center is not working properly. It frequently does not ring when the button is pressed.

1. **Gather Us In/Rebuild** (presented by Lynn Imholte): The Gather Us In educational program for this lent will be discussions of Mathew Kelly’s book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity.* More facilitators are needed.
2. **Parish Life Outreach** (presented by Jason Schindler): The dinner theatre production of *Annie* will be held March 1-3. The Saturday performance is sold out and the Friday performance is nearly sold out.

**Old Business:**

1. **Update on Street Improvement—parish assessment** (reported by Jean Schmitz): The assessment for work completed last summer was $53,69 of which 75% has been paid. Income from Tri-Valley rent was used to pay 25% of that amount. At this time, we do not have a plan to pay for phase II that is to be completed this summer at an estimated cost of $210,420.
2. **Update on Area Catholic Communities** (reported by Fr. LeRoy): The Diocesan Planning Meeting involving the Bishop and priests from throughout the Diocese was schedule a few weeks ago but was postponed due to the extreme cold weather. The meeting was rescheduled for last week. Unfortunately, it was again cancelled due to one of our many snow storms. The original plan of Fr. LeRoy holding a town hall meeting for the two parishes is delayed until the Area Catholic Communities plan is finalized.

**New Business:**

1. **Sister Parish in Oyugis Delegation (March 3-19)** (presented by Fr. LeRoy): Chris and Pat Zimmerman will be leaving for Oyugis on March 3 and will return on March 19. They will speak about the trip at the masses this weekend.
2. **Safe Haven Sunday (March 2-3):** Bishop Kettler asked all the priests in the Diocese to speak about how families are negatively affected by pornography and sex trafficking which is a major problem in the St. Cloud area.
3. **Finalizing our Lenten Rebuilt Project 2019**: Promotional material for the program has been developed and will be presented in the near future. Suggestions submitted from last year’s presentations are being used to develop the current program.

**Calendar of Events:**

Coffee bar after mass—2/24/19

Annie Dinner Theatre—3/1-3/19

Breakfast at St. Peter’s—3/10/19

Fish dinner at St. Paul’s—3/15/19

**Pastor’s Comments:**  The next meeting is a joint session that will be held at the Regency. The Councils will meet at 5:30 followed by a social at 6:00 and the Gather Us In program at 6:30.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Joyce Kron