

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Present: Fr. Joe Dorner, Mike Calawerts, Jean Laux, Mike Quinn, Tom Schampers, Carol VandenBush

Excused: Helen Wellens, Tom Pecor

Prayer: Fr. Joe led us in opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as written.

Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2019 minutes approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Reports...

Finance Committee: Mike Quinn reported that our funds are doing fine...our income exceeds our expenses by \$12,000. Our investments are up for the first quarter. Our collections are down a bit. Our total revenue to date is \$153,000; last year it was \$161,000. In June, Fr. Joe will make an appeal asking parishioners to possibly increase their donation. St. John's will start the Diocesan "One by One" Capital Campaign in January of 2020. Half of the funds raised will be given to the diocese and half will remain at St. John's for our use. We need to be supportive of the Church of Green Bay, plus have a vision for our parish. Fr. Joe stated that the key to getting donations for this campaign is to offer parishioners something they would be excited about. He shared that the Diocese has already set up a case statement. He suggested our parish also develop our own case statement. What are our specific needs? Possibly it could be more services for our youth or those homebound. It might be good to hire a volunteer coordinator to service both our parish and the Cathedral. Could the fact that the St. John's Homeless Shelter uses our school building at cost be a drawing card for people to donate to the campaign? He asked the Pastoral Council to do a case study and think of more ways to use the campaign funds. It might be good to get ideas from what other parishes are doing. Fr. Joe shared that we collected \$5,000 over our Bishop's Appeal goal. Half will be used for our parish needs.

Deaf Community: Jean said the March 10 deaf Mass with Fr. Klusman was cancelled because of bad weather. On March 24, eight people from the deaf community attended a Lenten retreat in Milwaukee. Jean led the "Stations of the Cross" for the deaf community on March 29. She offered a different format from last year and the people present signed all the prayers. Fr. Joe asked Jean if the Stations of the Cross he offers during Lent on Fridays might be able to be interpreted for the deaf community. Jean was asked how many people belong to our deaf community. She said there are thirty in our community and twelve are at Mass on a regular basis. Someone from the deaf community in the Madison Diocese wants to attend Fr. Quinn Mann's Young Adult Catholic Fest in July. Fr. Joe will contact the Diocese to see if interpreter funds are available for this fest. Jean will continue to use the "Interpreter Icon" to inform people of opportunities that are being offered for the deaf community.

Building & Grounds: Fr. Joe said \$1,500 was used for lights on our tower and new lighting in the sacristy and Ricklin Room. Also, \$13,000 will be needed to refurbish the east side portico at the rectory. The grease trap in the kitchen also needs to be looked at.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Transition Plan...

Fr. Joe shared that his last Mass and day at our parish would be June 23rd. and Fr. Brian Belongia will begin serving as pastor on July 1st. Mike Calawerts asked what our council and the Cathedral need to be thinking about because of this transition. Fr. Joe passed out a book entitled “Navigating Pastoral Transitions”. He suggested members of the council read this book for guidance. A transition party will be planned for either June 19 or 26 for both Fr. Joe and Fr. Brian. Fr. Joe suggested it be at a restaurant near downtown. He will check with Fr. Brian to find out which date would work out best for him.

B. Fall and Winter Adult Faith Formation...

Mike Calawerts passed out a list from Jan Phillips of Adult Faith Formation offerings including “Into His Likeness” starting in June, an Alpha Session from Sept. through Nov., “Genesis to Jesus” in October, and “Reboot” with Chris Stefanick on Sept. 18. Information on these offerings will be published in our bulletins and on our website. Forty people from St. John’s and the Cathedral attended the “Biblical Walk through the Mass” DVD Series by Dr. Edward Sri offered during Lent. Fr. Joe stated that we could use one more faith formation coordinator from our parish to work with Carla DeGroot.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Joe ended with prayer and a blessing.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM