



Parish Pastoral Council - Meeting Minutes

Date: December 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Location: St John Neumann

Attendees:

- **Present:** Fr. Doug Ebert, Ron Bisek, Mickey Custodio, Rick Durig, Pam Erkel, Robert Peterson, Michael Schmidt, Michaela Willer, Tom Mahowald (Finance Council)
 - **Absent:** Mary Hoffman, Patricia Ogbeide-Ihama,
 - **Minutes:** Submitted by Michaela Willer, Vice-Chair
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Call to order: 7:00pm by Rick Durig

Opening Prayer: Rick Durig

Pastor's Report: Fr. Doug

- *State of the Parish:* Fr. Doug reported that attendance and collections are strong.

Deanery Council Report: Bob Peterson

- Bob shared that listening sessions are now taking place in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. The All Saints parish in Lakeville hosted a listening session on November 15th which had approximately 900 attendees. This process is designed to give Catholics throughout the archdiocese ample opportunities to share their views on the pastoral needs of the local church.
- The Lay Advisory Board has not had any meetings to report on since our last meeting as it was the holiday season.

General Discussion:

- *Volunteer Appreciation:* There will be a volunteer appreciation day on Saturday May 16th after the 5pm mass. This will be staff driven for volunteers with food and entertainment provided. Every volunteer in every ministry is invited and there will be childcare provided.
- *Stewardship Spreadsheet:* We are working with committees to provide a full list of their volunteers and in the future the goal of the Stewardship drive is to have clarity that volunteers should sign up every year.
- *Goals Worksheet:* The goal of this is to simplify the goals and how we can keep the four pillars top of mind to help the committees understand what they've achieved every year. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- *Communication:* The job of the liaison is to report back to the PPC what is being done in each committee and to help the committee attach their goals to the pillars. The executive team will send out the agenda at least one week prior to each Joint Committee meeting.
- *EM/Sacristan Meeting:* There will be a training meeting for Ems and Sacristans twice a year.
- *Ministry Startup Addendum to Handbook:* This is in draft form and will be distributed via email for approval.
- *PPC and PFC Constitutions:* The diocese will be distributing guidelines for PPC and PFC Constitutions. Once this is distributed, a subcommittee will be formed to review our current PPC and PFC Constitutions to ensure we are in compliance.
- *Lenten Fish Fry:* Mary Mother is no longer going to be doing a fish fry during Lent. Saint John Neumann will start a fish fry this year.

Finance Council Report: Tom Mahowald

- Fiscally, our parish is in good shape. Collection trends remain a few percentage points above budget forecast expectations which includes several stock and/or charitable contributions to SJN.
- There was discussion on charitable donations and potential education options for giving as well as the numbers reported on in the bulletin.
- The new outdoor sign for St. John Neumann is in progress. Installation is expected to begin this spring.

Ministry Accomplishments / Updates

- *Justice and Charity* – Michael Schmidt
 - Debbie Andrews moved to Iowa and Bob Cooley will be stepping in as the chair.
 - Families moving forward was formally discontinued and SJN will be donating their supplies to other homeless shelters. Research is being done into how we as a Parish can continue to support homelessness in Dakota county.
 - Venezuela ministry sponsorship is being added to the giving tree
 - A grant is being worked on to start recycling at SJN
- *Family and Community Life* – Mickey Custodio
 - New Parishioner Welcoming will be on December 3rd after mass.
 - Rosann is stepping down from leading Wit & Wisdom. They are looking for someone to lead in her place. There is also a strong interest in the 55+ group to hold a senior fair (similar to a wedding fair but for seniors).
- *Faith Formation* – Ron Bisek
 - Julie Larson joined the committee
 - Sunday School numbers for the children in the morning are down.

- *Worship* – Pam Erkel
 - There were only a couple people in attendance at the meeting.
 - Discussion on the need for more sacristans and ushers.

- *Pastoral Care* – Liaison absent

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 – Joint Council/Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 – Parish Pastoral Council meeting @ 7:00 pm