

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 12, 2015

Attendees:

Fr. Larry Hoffmann - P	Deacon Dan - P	Steve Wieneke - P
Vicki Berberich - P	Bruce Mehlhop - P	Dave Enos - P
Cari Higgins - P	Mike Walsh -	Jason Hatch - P
Paul Carlson - P	Nicole Lindsey - P	

Action item, by whom, by when

1. **Approval of Agenda -**
 - a. Additions to the agenda
 - i. Johnston's gift recommendation - Steve
 - ii. Jubilee Year Discussion - Fr Larry
 - iii. Photo of all groups & committees - Steve

2. **Approval of September Minutes**
 - a. Jason motioned and Vickie seconded the motion to approve.

3. **Faith/Study: Forming Intentional Disciples - Review Chapter 8**

4. **Parish Pasta Dinner - Bruce**
 - a. Final total was over \$8k, at least \$2k more than prior year
 - b. Served 471 people
 - c. Issue to address next time is to use paper plates for deserts in order to reduce dishwashing backlog
 - d. Melhops' & Moritzs' will be willing to organize next year

5. **Revisit St. Luke's Pastoral Council Vision & Mission**
 - a. Purpose is to readiness the purpose of PPC
 - b. Share vision of goals to other committees to support the ministries of the Parish

6. **Diocese of DSM Summit on Church Administration Being Church Lessons Learned**
 - a. Nov 7th - Fr Larry, Paul, Bruce, Cari & Steve
 - b. Validated a lot of what St Luke's is doing well
 - c. Golden nuggets - key learnings
 - i. We are the eyes & ears for the Priests
 - ii. PPC focus is to be on the vision (and goals) of the parish vs. operational focus
 1. Where we are now and vision to the future
 - iii. Very energizing meeting that helped everyone refocus on being a part of something more than each individual parish

- iv. It is important for the groups of the parish to be on the same page and serve with humility to accomplish the goals of the parish
- v. A reminder of the functions of each committee to be focused on their area of responsibility while allowing the other committees to focus on their areas of responsibilities
- vi. The PPC is meant to be a visionary for the Church (sharing, communicating, cooperating), helping the Priest to formulate a vision (short term and long term) - PPC should not be micromanaging the activities of the various groups & committees
- vii. Knights attend a retreat to plan the purpose and vision of the council. Perhaps it would be a good idea for PPC & potentially members of the other committees to attend such a retreat. The spring time may be a good time of the year to host such a meeting.

7. St. Luke's List of Councils, Committees, Ministries & Groups

a.

8. Committee Updates

a. Social Concerns

i.

b. Liturgy Committee

i.

c. Welcome Committee

i.

d. School Board

i.

e. Stewardship Committee

i.

f. Family School Association

i.

g. Knights of Columbus

i.

9. Facilities Use Agreement - Parishioner Use of Gymnasium for Physical Activities - Steve

- a. Liability issue? Need waivers?
- b. We agree this is not a right. Is there a desire to figure out a way to accommodate?
- c. Language to discuss the use must not be in contradictory with the Church teachings.
- d. Paul will provide the PPC with the Diocese guidelines.
- e. Our Parish should facilitate a welcoming atmosphere.

10. Host Strategy Planning Event - Steve

- a. All Ministries/Committees/Councils/Groups to develop vision
- b. Establish priorities & strategies on how to get there

- c. Possible community service component to improving facilities & grounds
- d. We may want to consider this as an annual event and tie to the Liturgical year.
- e. Each committee to develop and share a written purpose & vision
- f. Breakout sessions where groups are tied together for different purposes
- g. Purpose
 - i. Strategic planning
 - ii. Vision to learn & grow and share committees vision & plans among the groups
 - iii. Prioritize vision and goals based on Liturgical year
 - iv. Steps that can be taken to implement the vision
- h. Volunteers to be involved in sub-committee to move this forward
 - i. Vickie, Cari, Jason, Paul & Bruce have volunteered to form the sub-committee to organize this event
- i. Steve will send out the PPC information to the committees to use as an example to formulate for their committees

11. Items for Open Comment / Discussion

- a. Jubilee Year of Mercy
 - i. Initiatives for the Diocese have been discussed during a meeting of the Priests
 - ii. Throughout the year, St Luke's will have an opportunity to participate in various Year of Mercy activities
 - iii. Catholics Come Home will be a focus during Lent
 - iv. Liturgy committee will also be focused on this
- b. Dec 21-Jan 3rd
 - i. Send Steve 3 dates and times that work for you. Prioritize 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices and also send times that will not work for you. Please send to Steve by 11/20.
- c. Cathy Johnston suggestions for Dick as a thank you gift.
 - i. Vacations - get a way, Green Bay Packers, Disney
 - 1. What do we want to get them?
 - 2. How can we collect a contribution without them finding out?
 - ii. Like to also give them some memento also? i.e. a cross?
 - iii. Steve will collect the money

12. Next Meeting - Thursday, December 10, 2015 @ 7pm

13. Notes

- a. Paul Carlson volunteered for a 2 year term on PPC