

St. Luke's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016

Members present – Fr. Larry, Deacon Fred, Cari Higgins, Jason Hatch, Nicole Lindsey, Steve Wieneke, Teresa Busch, Vlad da Costa, Jimmy Becker

Members absent – Andy Cink, Paul Carlson, Deacon Dan Maguire

Opening Prayer –Advent Prayer

1. Approval of November Minutes - Nicole Lindsey motioned and Jason Hatch seconded the motion to approve.

2. Faith/Study: Rebuilt – Discussed Chapters 7 & 8

Chapter 7 discussed programs for different ages of children. We do have someone interested in Helping to start a nursery here. Chapter 8 was about preaching. Father Larry shared that he writes his sermons in his office on Fridays. The most important message he would want our parishioners to know is “Save for service” serving others in God’s name.

3. Committee Updates

a. School strategic planning update – Group has been meeting and data is being collected.

b. Social Concerns – Collected Christmas gifts for families

c. Liturgy Committee – Christmas cookie social Dec. 3. Christmas masses are Dec. 24 at 4:30 (children’s choir), 6:30 (adult choir), and Dec. 25 (small group) at 9:00 AM.

d. Faith Formation – Alpha for Catholics begins Jan.

e. School Board – Chess club forming for 2nd-4th graders. 1st draft of 2017-18 budget is complete. Parents are concerned that Phase II isn’t moving fast enough. We discussed the need to communicate to families when phase 1 debt is projected to be paid off and that steps are being taken by a strategic planning committee to discuss phase 2 in order to have a plan in place that will address the needs of the school and parish to keep us all growing. Get people engaged; maybe get people excited about paying off phase 1 and build support for phase 2.

f. Family School Association – FSA discussed the need for a professional makeover of our school website. The Longhorns Open golf event made \$1800. The North Pole Village concession stand made \$2000. Trunk or Treat was a great success – a nice event for both school and parish families. The first annual Green Gala is set for February 11th

g. Knights of Columbus – Corporate mass was Saturday, Dec. 3. Breakfast Dec. 11. Raffle from nativity made \$600.

4. Old news –

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving service Nov. 22 here at 7PM. Approx 140 people. Great exposure for our church as many were visitors.
- Committee group photos will be finished Dec. 11.
- Parish Directories are ready to be distributed

5. Upcoming event –

Catholic/Lutheran Dialogues –

❖ **Thurs., Jan. 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Resurrection Lutheran Church at 914 NW Ash Drive

**We are not directly involved, but encouraged to attend so we know what is expected when we host

❖ **Thursday, February 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

WE HOST – Resurrection Church presides here

** Subcommittee will meet to plan (Paul, Cari, Teresa, Jason – all others invited!), Jason Hatch will make soup. Knights will help serve
We need a service project for about 150 to make & an organization to donate to.

- Theme from Matt 25 “...I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”
- Possibly building care kits and writing a personal note.
- Possibly ask Catholic Charities about the needs of the refugee center.

❖ **Thursday, March 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Church of Hope hosts and Father Larry presides and we provide music.

- “I was naked and you clothed me” is the theme.

6. Other:

- **FYI:** The Boy Scout Troop that uses space in St. Luke’s will have their annual charter renewed beginning January 1, 2017. The annual charter document is being transferred from the Knights of Columbus Council 15603 to the Pastoral Council which has delegated primary responsibility to Gary Olson. Currently no St. Luke’s boys are in this group, but there are about 20 in cubs that could eventually move up to this group. We weighed the decision of renting out our facilities instead of allowing a group of non-parishioners to use, but Father reminded us that we are to serve the community.
- **Concerns**
 - Concern of locking of gym/kitchen & various committee members are having a hard time getting in.
 - Must be locked when students are present for security
 - If someone needs to get a key to open and get into areas for specific purposes they should contact the church office. Eucharistic minister captains all have a key and can unlock the kitchen.
 - St. Luke’s Mission Statement
 - Do we need the qualifiers of “teacher and prophet”? This seems to limit Jesus and the other bullet points do not have additional descriptions
 - Father Larry and Steve will look back at notes as to why it was included; it will be revisited next month.

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7:00 pm

Please read Rebuilt, Chapters 9-10

8. Closing Prayer - Glory Be