

# **St. Luke's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

## **March 9, 2017**

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

**Members absent** –

- 1. Approval of January 12th minutes – Andy Cink approved Paul Carlson seconded**
  
- 2. Discussion of parish concerns – the list of concerns were brought to Parish Council**
  - A. We ask parishioners to donate time, talent and treasure constantly –**
    - i. Council discussed that, as part of our Catholic Faith, it is good to be asking others to give of time, talent, and treasure. What would be better would be relationships first, then a concentrated effort in coordination, simplifying and making it easy and appealing to serve.**
    - ii. Vlad volunteered to coordinate a schedule of monthly events so committees don't have too much going on at the same time.**
  
  - B. Second collections, announcements, emails and tables outside of Mass are the norm**
    - i. Second collections are driven from Diocese which is driven from the National Catholic Bishops.**
    - ii. Announcements and emails are seen by the council as a necessary way to engage the church to be missionaries, disciples, servants of Christ to the Church and Community. They are a good way to inform.**
  
  - B. Knights do an overwhelming number of events**
    - i. Steve provided handouts of Calendar of Events and Budget for committee review. Events are either lead by K of C Organization or from parishioners.**
    - ii. How do we get other people to step-up and fulfill some of those needed service opportunities?**
      - AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS. Need to create a family environment so they feel like they belong and eventually have a need and desire to be a contributing member who is valued for who they are then asked to serve in a way that they would enjoy.**
      - Cari will invite Tom Pettit to talk about the Welcoming Committee strategies.**
  
  - D. How do we serve young families? Same ideas as above**

**E. Prioritize strengthening faith, community, building facilities, serving parishioners, and serving the community. Clarify the parish mission/identity**

**i. Tithe of the Tithe-**

International, National, Local concerns are being financially supported from a tithe of the tithe. The Stewardship Committee and the Social Concerns Committee take turns delegating recipients. A record is available on the website. The parish is leading by example to be a giving parish that gives 10% back to community, country, and world of parish tithing.

Father Larry started Tithe of the Tithe from the very beginning of St. Luke's. It started around \$60/month and is up to \$3250/month. Since June, 2015 when our worship space opened, we have donated \$62,500.

**F. Ask parish groups to prioritize their work and to do fewer things, better.**

Evaluate what events are going well and make decisions to stop doing the events that aren't worth the effort.

**G. Suggestion to unify all events instead of separate parish, school and Knights Events**

Gala, Spaghetti Supper, family fun night are all examples of events that have been put on by the groups in cooperation and support of each other.

Gala supports school needs. Pasta Dinner supports parish needs. Chop & Chicken Dinner is the Knights' big event.

**3. Committee Updates –**

**School strategic planning update** – Jason H.

**Parish enrollment** – approx. 450 families

**Faith Formation** - *February 15<sup>th</sup>* Human Trafficking presentation; *February 28<sup>th</sup>* 5:30pm Mardi Gras for all families with pancake dinner and activities for kids.

**Family School Association** – Tuition is raised \$25/child for 2017-18 school year. Family Bingo, Sunday Jan.29; Restaurant nights: Panda Express on Tuesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, Panera Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4-8pm, Fong's Pizza in April; Bike/Walk/Run –May 21

**Liturgy Committee** – Deacon Fred and Father Larry gave the final schedule for the Lenten Retreat March 30-April 1; Need to order more palms for Palm Sunday; still working on audio for Easter; First Communion will be two different Masses on April 29 & 30. Discussed getting communion to Bridges and Journey Senior Living; Lent theme is "From darkness to light, open my eyes, Lord" – banner was made, prayer cards with matching design were handed out first weekend of March.

**Stewardship** - Kathy Lickteig has done some research on Stewardship resources. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has some very good information including a manual called "Best Practices in a Stewardship Parish"-she will send a link to the rest of the team rather than printing out all of the information; will send a proposal to the Finance Council about our ideas for Stewardship of Treasure.

#### **4. Old business – Mission statement wording**

In devotion to our loving Father, we host a worship center where all are welcome.

In service to Jesus Christ, teacher and prophet, we offer a lifelong education center dedicated to enriching the faith and lives of all.

In homage to the Holy Spirit, we recognize our call to serve those in need and compassionately embrace a senior living center.

- Council discussed specifically the qualifying words “teacher and prophet” and need to include them.
- Council agreed to finish book before voting on wording.

#### **5. New items:**

- **Parish calendars** - Catholic Calendars; need a local business to sponsor

If there were a sponsor there is interest.

Andy Cink will check with a couple potential sponsors and Father Larry will call to find the cost.

#### **6. Coming events-**

- **Alpha’s 10 week sessions ended Sunday, March 5**

- Monday, **March** 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Cindy Shaw, Lenten Ignation

- **Meals of the Heartland, March 21**

- **Lent Retreat, Thursday, March 30-April 1 - see attachment for schedule**

**Vlad had signup for 24 hr. Adoration. Jimmy will let us know if he needs help.**

#### **7. Rebuilt Chapters 11 & 12 – chapters aligned with our parish discussions.**

**8. Next Meeting** – Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

Please read Rebuilt, Chapters 13-15

#### **9. Closing Prayer**

**Lenten Mission**

*"From darkness to light, open my eyes, Lord"*

**Father Charles Clement**

**Thursday, March 30 – Saturday, April 1**

**Thursday – 5:30 PM Mass**

**6-7:00 PM Adoration**

**7-8:00 – Meditation/reflection**

**8-10:00 PM Reconciliation/ Praise & worship**

**Friday – 4:00 begins 24 hr. Adoration**

**5:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

**5:30 Stations of the Cross**

**Light dinner, soup & bread**

**6:30 Witness**

**7:00 Mass/reflection**

**8-10:00 Reconciliation**

**Saturday – 12:00 PM family rosary**

**1:00 Meditation/reflection**

**2:00 Praise & worship**

**4:00 End of Adoration with Benediction**

**4:30 Mass**