

St. Luke's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2017

Members present – Fr. Larry, Cari Higgins, Steve Wieneke, Andy Cink , Teresa Busch, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Jimmy Becker

Members absent – Vlad da Costa, Jason Hatch, Nicole Lindsey

1. Approval of March 9th minutes – Steve approved, Paul seconded

2. Visitors:

Tom Pettit – Welcome committee – Tom updated our committee on all that the Welcome Committee currently does for new members. They have created posters in hope of getting ambassadors from the parish to help give new members tours at church. Their small group is not capable of doing this on their own. They have nice pamphlets about their committee and are working on a very nice welcome packet. They will try a welcome potluck after a 10:30 Mass to see if they get more people than have come on Saturday evenings. A few committees are talking about an information desk in the narthex with a TV screen to show pictures of new families and events happening. Tom has spoken with the couple in charge of OLIH's welcome committee to get ideas from them. They have similar challenges that we do to get a hold of new people to meet with them and getting them involved.

Social Concerns – Paul had letters for us to write on behalf of Bread for the World Campaign. Bishops Pates is on the board of directors and they are trying to get many letters to our senators about the importance of funding federal programs that help feed the hungry and low-income in our country.

3. Committee Updates –

Phase II School strategic planning update – 4 construction companies/architects came to St. Luke's Tuesday, April 4, to take a look at school. They will give preliminary comments by the end of the month. The building needs would address, not just school, but parish, storage, and needing room for 300 RE students. There are mobile schools for sale that were used by Northview Middle School; approx \$45,000 for two.

Finance- Items of concern included hiring a 2nd Kindergarten teacher and having 14 students in a class, opposed to hiring 1 teacher and having a waiting list. Teachers got a 3% raise, but tuition was only raised \$25.

Family School Association/School Board - \$26,000 raised at Gala; waiting for a Prairie Meadows grant. Bike Walk Run proceeds will fund technology needs.

Knights of Columbus – Served over 180 at their breakfast; served K of C Golf dinner April 4; Chop & Chicken dinner coming up April 28.

Liturgy Committee – Ready for Holy Week - More palms ordered, flowers ordered for Easter Sunday, gym will be set up for Sunday. 8 RCIA candidates attending Easter Vigil.

Stewardship – Stewardship Symposium in Kansas City on Friday April 21, Father Larry and Kathy Lickteig are planning to attend.

Social Concerns – Meals of the Heartland, 20,000 meals packaged; Bread for the World Campaign

4. Old business – Lenten Retreat; Deacon Fred will put together some options for Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Many people of the parish don't know it's currently on Thursdays or if they know, it's not a convenient time. Teresa had a very good idea to have Adoration during RE because many parents have to wait around. It would have to be discussed with the new RE director as the church was often used for classes this past year.

5. Rebuilt Chapters 13-to end of book – next month members will come ready to discuss the most important facts they got from the book and discuss what's next.

6. New items: Andy meeting with Mercy Hospital marketing to see if they would be a sole sponsor for our church calendar.

7. Coming events- Knights of Columbus Dinner – Fri. April 28, 5-7:30 PM
First Communion on Sat. April 29/Sun. April 30, 1:00
Confirmation, Sat. May 7, 4:30 PM
Bike/run/walk May 21

8. Next Meeting – May 11, 2017

9. Closing Prayer