

St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

February 22, 2017

5:30pm

Members Present: Jacob Stewart, Dominic McCamish, Steve Lane, Roseanne Ackermann, Lee Record, Robin Waters, Fr. Frank, Sister Elizabeth

Members Absent: Stephen Powell, , Kelli Stewart, Joe Gomes, Jack McCoy, Edgar Lopez, Mary Baker

Also Attending: Jim Bonfield

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. December Minutes Review
 - A. Motion made to approve by Roseanne, second by Steve.
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance
 1. Joe Gomes - N/A
 - B. Liturgy
 1. Robin Waters -
 - a) Ash Wednesday (March 1st) was discussed; that information will be in the bulletin.
 - b) Rice Bowls - Sister Lis explained that the Rice Bowls arrive every year. They are well used with the youth, and she would like to do more with them. Fr. Frank talked about how we could talk to the parish about where those funds go, and how they fit in with Lent. Further discussion occurred about disseminating information about the Rice Bowls at/after mass, including possibly showing videos. Sister Liz received a DVD, with short talks for each week, and Fr. Frank said he is sure the church has a projector. Jacob said he also has a projector we could use.
 - (1) Fr. Frank said it may be a possible to use the speaker system to at least allow the audio from short informational videos in the church. Another option would be to have coffee and donuts in the parish hall, where people could see the screen as well.
 - (2) The council decided to use a laptop and existing microphones to play the audio on Sunday at church.
 - c) Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 5 in March and April 7th.
 - d) Reconciliation is set for March 9th. We believe this is for first communicants.
 - e) Holy Week dates will be in the bulletin.
 - f) The Hispanic community will be doing the reenactment of the Passion in Botts Park at 4:30 on Good Friday (April 14th).
 - g) St. Patrich has been asked to host the Ecuminical Holy Week services.

(1) This means we are responsible for drinks all week, and a meal on Friday. Fr. Frank explained that the churches in the area get together to have a talk at noon during Holy Week. Discussion occurred about volunteers from our parish, which the Liturgy Committee takes care of.

h) Servers - we are in need of them, especially adult servers (kids are in school for funerals). Robin asked us to think about recruiting people.

i) Liturgy agreed to do flowers for Mother's Day.

C. Faith Formation

1. Dominic McCamish - Things are going well with good attendance in both children's and adult morning classes. We are hoping to take a group of youth to Christ The King for the Sunday night Lenten mission where Fr. Frank will be the speaker.

D. Social Concerns

1. Jack McCoy - N/A

E. Maintenance - Steve Lane

1. Discussion occurred about the possibility of separating the rental house's finances from the church's finances. Steve made the point that it would be beneficial to the church in that we could see the financial viability of maintaining the rental property. Fr. Frank said that, to a point, it should be possible to split up those finance reports and bills.

IV. Old Business

A. Thought Grenades: Habitat for Humanity schedule: Andy Baker & Lee Record

1. A time and date have not been scheduled. Robin will get it scheduled; it will be a long meeting.

B. Cleaning Crew: Update

1. Discussion occurred about the list of services desired, getting a quote, and the Diocese insurance requirement.

C. Ice Machine - Steve Lane

1. The new ice machine is in that Kiwanis paid for, and it works. It is small, but that's all we need.

D. Calendar/Announcements

1. Robin presented a draft of the calendar with events and announcements on it. Robin can continue with calendar upkeep, but we do need someone to announce at church. Roseanne said she would be willing to speak when she is available. Robin would also like to get the events on the website calendar. It was also discussed that it would be beneficial to remind the parish about events that occur regularly.

E. Sending a card (framed) to a family of a passed loved one

1. Steve brought one of the cards. We could copy them, but the back side of the card has more information about the front. The cards themselves are only about \$1 per card, and the frames are only around \$5. Fr. Frank emphasized that we have to make sure we don't miss anyone.

- a) The council would like to get rolling on this tradition.

F. Evangelizing

1. Roseanne would like to make vanilla shortbread cookies for events. She ordered a stamp with the Church's name on it. This way, when we give cookies to different events, people know where they come from.
2. Steve brought up the idea of calling elderly members of the community just to check up on them.
3. Fr. Frank mentioned getting the social justice committee going.
4. Sister Liz brought up a project mainly in the Hispanic community. They are preparing a "5th Encounter," and they want all communities involved. It involves a series of 5 sessions/meetings of reflections about the Gospel in our daily lives.

V. New Business

A. Lent/Holy Week/Rice Bowls

1. See Liturgy Report

B. Men In Black

1. Robin brought up the idea of getting a carpool going to bring people to Lexington for the MIB event on March 12, 13, and 14.

C. Cemetery - Jim Bonfield

1. Jim is asking the council if it believes a columbarium would be something worth pursuing. They are modular - we could get different sizes, capacities, etc. Jim could do the legwork in pricing and other details. Discussion occurred about individuals in the parish that would be or are interested, cost of plots vs. spots in a columbarium, etc. The consensus of the council was that Jim should look into it.
2. Jim also discussed a more immediate need - replacing flags for the veterans in the cemetery. These flags are normally placed at graves for Memorial Day. They can run from \$.50 - \$.75 each depending on size, though we don't need nearly that many (only 20 - 30), so these could last us a long time. The council said \$100 would be an acceptable amount for Jim to go and purchase flags.

The next meeting will be March the 15th at 5:30 at the Parish Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Lane, second by Jacob Stewart.

VI. With no additional items of business, meeting was adjourned with a prayer.