Tuesday, April 26, 2022

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

Staff and Commission Attendees: Fr. Brian Phelps, Deacon Chris Rauch, Peggy Wilson, Jeannette Fromm, and Karla Orr (Worship), Cheri Rotterman (Faith Formation), Marty McClain (Youth Ministry), Laura Lipnitz (Youth Rep), Josh Englefield (Dir of Evangelization), Ben Marsh (Seminarian)

PAC Members Present: Mary Gutman, Sarah Chivers, Shawn Norris, Tom Kwest, Chuck Destefani, Melissa Bennett, John Hoffmann, Deb Franz, Dave Laurash

PAC Member(s) absent: Lisa Barhorst, John Maqsud, Cathy Frank, Danny Sprouse, Chris Gardner, Lynn Stuart



Welcome and Opening prayer at 7:30 PM

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: Moved by John, seconded by Melissa, and affirmed.

Staff Report: **Deacon Chris** See report for full details.

Father Brian Opening Comments

Parish Family. Father Brian has discussed living arrangements. Trying to figure out how to use both rectories and keep a priestly presence in both campuses.

Introduce Josh Englefield, new Director of Evangelization as of 4 April 2022. Was at St. Luke for 10 years. Worked with Marty that whole time. Promoting a survey on Evangelization and Discipleship to parishioners. In first week have 60 responses so far. Will be promoting it at the masses this coming weekend.

Social Action: No report. No meeting this month.

Faith Formation: No report.

Worship Committee: Jeannette Fromm, Peggy Wilson, Karla Orr

- Looking at ways to reach the people. Carlo Kudis has a website for 185 eucharistic miracles. http://www.miracolieucaristici.org. The website is in Italian. Italy may have 12 panels, one for each Eucharistic Miracle. It could be incorporated with Corpus Christi but could also be displayed throughout the year. A parish in NY displayed during COVID in the pews that were empty for social distancing. People were able to appreciate them. The panels are 24x32 and the price for printing would vary based on the backing board used. The diocese wants parishes to put an emphasis on the Eucharist but did not want an area-wide program on top of the Beacons of Light.
- Deacon Chris will look into possible diocesan resources that might be available for printing the panels for a larger audience to enjoy. They have 6' tall poles with a 3' base that is self-standing. The panels could be printed and then rolled up to use on the stand.
- Shawn Norris works for a print shop that makes banners and could get a price quote.
- After 1100 mass on Corpus Christi (June 18th), process out the church, down Wilmington Pike, and in the back entrance.

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Finance: Deacon Chris

- Committee met via email.
- Current basket collections are \$100k over budget
- Call for Chiller made and over \$43k received. Cost for a chiller was over \$100k. Supply chain
 issues will keep it from being here until the fall, so pray that the existing equipment holds up
 through the summer.
- Faith Hope and Love gave two deposits of about \$21k that was unexpected. FHL is wrapping up and being removed from the budget.
- Church must pay up to \$.80 per CCF for natural gas. Budget hit might be \$10k over than what was expected.

Youth Ministry: Laura Lipnitz

- D-Cell small groups going strong. Finishing Season 2 of The Chosen.
- Working on a bible study for Sunday nights. More info to follow.
- Held Exultet Sunday evening. Had confirmation candidates and sponsors with them. It was a good time and very well attended.
- Met 10 April for scheduling summer activities. Game nights, movie nights, and other events like a bonfire or welcome reception for incoming freshmen (recruiting for youth group).

Business Updates: Deacon Chris

- Sound panel update: 3 second echo down to 2 seconds now when the church is empty.
- Balance from giving for this event remains at \$47k that can be used for sound system improvements.
- PAC needs to recommend a fix for a new roof over the office area of the parish. Enterprise
 Roofing has always done a good job. The PAC should recommend a 22-23 budget entry of
 \$23k for performing the roof fix. Enterprise Roofing can't get the materials needed to be able
 to fix the roof if we wait on the decision. Finance already gave their blessing. The next step is
 for the Archdiocese to approve it. Chuck Destefani motion to add it to the budget. John H
 seconded.

New Business

Beacons of Light

- Meetings are beginning to revise the mass schedule. There are currently nine masses. They
 have to get that number down to seven. They have the number needed for the seven.
- Incarnation has 6 masses, 5 on Sunday. St. Francis has 3. Father Brian sent them a proposal based upon the diocesan metric of 40% capacity used.
- St. Francis hovers around 37 and 39%. Incarnation hovers around 25% capacity. If
 Incarnation cuts 2 masses they will be at 40%. Incarnation PAC must approve their new mass
 schedule. St. Francis will likely keep three masses but we may have to move the times. For
 example, Saturday may move to 4:30 and have 5:30 at Incarnation.
- Keep things as familiar as possible for as long as possible. We don't want to lower morale.
 They want to keep the 0730 mass because it is the earliest in the area. They want to take the mass out of the gym and get it into the church.
- The proposal was: Saturday: 4:30 at St. Francis and 5pm at Incarnation. Sunday: Combine the 0830 at St. Francis and the 0900 at Incarnation into an 8:45 at St. Francis. Keep the 10:30

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at Incarnation and 11:00 at St. Francis. Noon at Incarnation goes away and 5pm at Incarnation stays because it gets a lot of support from the school kids.

- Discussion: St. Francis should go to 9 and 11. 8:30 is just a little too early for young families.
 Religious education also has time requirements. The logistics of the RE classes may drive the need for the mass on the quarter hour (0845). Father Brian will talk with the Incarnation PAC when they meet next Monday.
- Daytime masses. Today there are three masses between the two parishes on weekdays. The one fixed thing is the 0900 on Friday at Incarnation for the school. Deacon Chris proposed something like a 0830 here at St. Francis and then a 0900 at Incarnation. They are used to the occasional Communion Service at their 0630 mass today. Josh recommended considering either a mid-day or an evening option for daily mass. It makes daily mass more available for people who work and could also attract a wider population as well. The challenge is that most working families, if they have kids, will have extra-curricular activities like sports, drama, clubs, homework, etc. Afternoon time for those with kids will not work for mass.
- Deacon Chris suggested polling the daily mass attendees to see what they might be most amenable to. He volunteered to start working up some questions. Ask about the possibility of supporting evening masses, or swapping facilities, like M-W-F at Incarnation and T-TH at St. Francis.
- Holy Days also have seven masses. Those will have to be orchestrated across the parish family as well.
- Monday, May 9th Beacons of Light will hold a 'Warm Up Day' for education, support and training. One will be held at Xavier 28 April.
- Beacons of Light Oversight Committee to be established out of both parishes by June.
- Stage 3 of Rending our Hearts, May 4th and 5th. Topic: Sharing Discipleship: What's the difference between a maintenance parish and a missionary parish?
- Divine Innovation by Father Mallen. Father Brian will go through a 12-week (6 session) cohort. (Vision, Mission, Leadership, etc)

Cups at Mass: Will they retain the use of the Precious Blood? Yes. The Fullenkamp's will be sending out guidance to all the EMs. We will keep the presentation of the gifts as we have for the past two years.

Streaming mass: We currently stream Wednesday morning and every weekend mass. No plans to change.

Issue in the Children Room: TV monitor gets pop ups that block the picture. The sound is fine. The computer video needs to be cleaned up. Deacon Chris will look into the computer setup and try to disable the pop-ups.

Around the Room: Observations of Discipleship

Father Brian: Thanks to Deacon Chris, the Choir, Ben was the MC and everyone who made sure the Triduum went smoothly for Easter.

Deacon Chris: Can't say enough about the fact that a parishioner has given him an artifact from the Men's Conference to be a constant reminder to pray the rosary. We just have to be open to the Spirit and act when we feel it driving us.

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Marty: High School Praise and Worship team led the Confirmandi and their sponsors. Big crowd and everything went well! Very impressed with 8th grade students and their first experience with Eucharistic Adoration.

Dave: Recognizing the bereavement team, singers, ushers. They have had a lot to do with very short notice and do an admirable job caring for everyone.

Sarah: The KofC had a great Easter Egg hunt before the mass. The guys did a great job making the girls have a sense of joy and fun instead of being shushed during mass.

Mary: Still high over the Vigil and the new Catholics that joined the church. People were speechless through their excitement. Sherri Rotterman has done amazing to pull everything together.

John: The Divine Mercy Chaplet (Betty, Michelle, Susan, Ben) was awesome!

Josh: Jill stepped up and helped with a group of parishioners when he got sick. Stood in for him. Sherry puts into RCIA and the team.

Deborah: Easter was exceptionally beautiful! The two-year absence solidified how much it was needed.

Ben: Mike Manzo schlepping mulch bags. He's constantly working for the parish.

Shawn: Bob has stepped up to do a lot of the grounds work.

Jeannette: Decades of the rosary

Klara: Friend from the choir was able to help her during a trying time.

Melissa: Terry and Carol Comer with the Marriage Ministry. They are very dedicated to those in the ministry and actually drove the paperwork out to their house. Over the top effort. Get the couples off on the right foot.

Tom: Ben doing a great job with Faith Formation. Helping in classrooms. Doing teaching.

Chuck: Thanks to the parish for taking care of the Depp family. Amy's funeral was very touching and handled well. Hats off for the compassion and meal, and please keep them in your prayers.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Closing Remarks: Fr. Brian Thank You and God bless.

Closing prayer: Fr. Brian