



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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PASTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MINUTES – Nov. 28, 2017

The meeting commenced at 8:00 pm.

Attendees: Father Tom Schmidt, Deacon Chris Rauch. Mary Ellen Singer. PAC members: Roger Dunlap, Louise Carter, Andy DeVito, Ann Moell, , Jill Raison, Anna Monnett, Skip Fromm, Dan Driskell, Delaney Smith, Ruth Addison.

- **Review Previous Meeting Minutes (Roger Dunlap):** The PAC approved the Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2017.

Reports:

- **Vision Committee update (Roger Dunlap substituted for Al Fullenkamp):**
 - Pilgrimage: Roger announced that Father John Quigley, a Franciscan Friar and priest and noted historian on St. Francis of Assisi will be presenting a deeper look into St. Francis on December 9th 1:00 to 4:30.
- **Social Action Commission (Ann Moell):**
 - Hispanic ministry is inviting parishioners to attend a meeting December 5th at 6:30.
 - Pam Long is retiring.
 - There will be a Trade Fair at UD campus in the former NCR building off Patterson. St. Francis parish members will be helping at the food booth.
 - Parishes are hoping to identify ways and means to address the opioid epidemic.
 - Ann announced that the goal of 46 sets of cards are hoped for the Post Card Campaign.
- **Faith Formation Commission (Jill Raison):**
 - There continues to be a ministry need to help with Liturgy of the Word for elementary children and this Sunday is an observation day for anyone interested. The goal is to have 24 volunteers for each group.
 - Hannah's Treasure Chest is one of the Advent Giving Projects which includes a prayer service on Dec. 13th and Dec. 17th.

Worship Commission (Roger Dunlap: substituting for Robin Chew.):

- The children's choir begins Sunday, December 3rd.
- There will be four (4) Masses scheduled for Christmas weekend combining Christmas with the 4th Sunday of Advent celebrations
- The Worship Commission is continuing to identify possible ways to keep Mass time within an hour.
- Guideline for announcements at Mass was discussed.
- The planned meeting for Commissioners has to be rescheduled.
- **Youth (Delaney Smith):**
 - Praise & Worship time is scheduled.
 - A trip to Detroit is planned whereby 12 students and 3 adults will participate.
 - The Archdiocese is planning a conference highlighting leadership skills for teens.

- **Business (Deacon Chris Rauch):**
 - Deacon Chris gave an update on the construction project such as the status with lighting & office space.
 - Examples of how some items went over budget were explained.
 - The proposed completion date for the church is the end of March.

- **Open Forum/Concerns:**
 - Fr. Tom presented new information regarding the new Stations of the Cross. Father shared that Fr. John Quigley is an artist and Fr. Tom wants to arrange a time to see his work. The thought is that perhaps Fr. Quigley could be a possible commission to do the new Stations in the San Damiano theme.
 - Guidelines for announcements at Mass was discussed. PAC agreed to the guidelines if Community and Fellowship were added as allowable topics.
 - Thoughts and ideas were shared and discussed as to possible ways that the Masses could be kept to no more than an hour.

- **Action Items:**
 - Reminder that the parish members who were not selected for PAC membership should be contacted to determine if they would be interested in other ministries that have membership needs. No one was assigned to follow thru.
 - Suggestion was made for PAC members to be more visible at events. The suggestion was made as a trial to periodically have a table in the library area with PAC members and information that parishioners could visit after Mass. Roger stated that he would arrange to implement in January.
 - It was suggested and confirmed that one or more PAC members will attend the New Members Meeting for new parish members. Mary Ellen is to provide the schedule.
 - The topic of programs and facilities for youth was discussed in an effort to identify ways to encourage youth to feel more a part of the parish. Delanie Smith agreed to ask the youth group members their thoughts and ideas regarding this concern and bring the youth's feedback to our January PAC meeting.
 - PAC members will look into various possibilities for future projects beneficial to the parish.
 - Skip Fromm - Check with the Men's Club to research the possibility of obtaining suitable Stations of the Cross from parishes that have closed.
 - Ann Moell - Will look into various types and costs of playground equipment.
 - Louise Carter - Will investigate other types of nametags with a more professional look for PAC members.
 - Delanie Smith – Will check with other members of the parish youth looking for preferences to ways the parish facilities and programs can be made more teen friendly.
 - All – We have agreed to look closely at the Mass searching for ways to reduce the time while maintaining the purpose and solemnity of celebrating the Eucharist.

Closing Remarks: Roger Dunlap closed the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled January 16, 2018.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm.