

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

In Attendance: Eamonn Ahearne, Fr. Bob Binta, Rudy Cavolina, Chettie Dodson, Lisa Low, Bob Prezkop, Charlie Schifano, Helen Venable, Deacon Ed Winkelbauer

Excused: Joe Fagan, Mike Templeton

6:30 pm Eamonn called the meeting to order

Opening prayer offered by Deacon Ed

November minutes were approved by Bob and seconded by Charlie

Pastor's Report – December 2016: Fr. Bob thanked everyone for their support and asked for continued prayers as his treatment proceeds. All programs at St. Benedict will continue on schedule; visiting priests will say the Friday SJB Mass. The Bishop has offered any assistance that Fr. Bob requires; Deacon Ed noted that should the need arise, the Bishop would assign an administrator, Fr. Bob remains the pastor.

1. St. Vincent de Paul Turkey Tuesday- SJB 8th grade students were very involved in this project; nearly 60 families were provided with the makings for Thanksgiving dinner.
2. Youth Ministry – On 11/26 members packed 43,632 meals at Feed My Starving Children; these will feed 119 children for a year. The kids were very excited to be a part of this event.
3. Marriage Ministry- hosted babysitting for parents to “Go Shopping Without the Kids” on 12/3. Several families attended.
4. Pastoral Care Ministry hosted “Coping with Grief during the Holidays” on 12/3
5. Scouts- had a successful ‘mistletoe’ fundraiser after Masses on 12/3
6. Communal Penance Service – was held on 12/13; 12 priests were available. We had 65 children receiving First Reconciliation.
7. Angel Tree – all ornaments were taken very quickly and fulfilled as requested
 - a. St. Frances AK-Chin, St. Anthony Indian Mission and the Prison Ministry were very thankful
 - b. There were 8-10 gifts that came in late. We first asked SVdP if they were needed for their Adopt A Family, however they did not. With the help of Stephanie Alvarez-Moore, these gifts were given to the children of the families hosted through Family Promise. They were very grateful for them.
8. Christmas
 - a. The community came together to decorate on the morning of Christmas Eve
 - b. 6 Masses were celebrated for Christmas. Numbers in attendance:
 - i. Christmas Eve: 4pm-870; 6pm-458; 8pm-424; 10pm-297
 - ii. Christmas Day: 9am-190; 11dam-320
 - c. Collection was \$22,375(includes Faith Direct); lower than budgeted - \$26,000
 - d. Knights Directed traffic on Christmas Eve before the 4pm Mass. Huge thanks to all the Knights.
 - e. Due to the inclement weather, the Church was opened at 2:30pm for the 4pm Mass

- f. Christmas decorations were taken down in preparation for the Ordinary Time of the Church. Thanks to the many volunteers.
- g. Staff is very thankful – all items on the Wish List have been received. Charlie extended a thank you for the approval of chairs for the choir members and the purchase of speakers.
- 9. A few items needed to be replaced during our recent fire inspection (fire extinguishers, back flow, exit lights, smoke detectors, fire alarm)
 - a. Batteries needed to be replaced
 - b. Repair to back flow
 - c. Replace the fire bell near the southwest entrance

Capital Campaign and Building Update- Bob indicated that the Capital Campaign and the Building Project will continue as planned. There is no impact on their schedule due to Fr. Bob's treatments.

1. Capital Campaign – The K-Group is working to modify a list of questions necessary for the development of our Feasibility Study. Suzanne Percy is identifying people for the core capital campaign committee. These individuals will be vetted by the Oversight Committee. This committee consists of: Fr. Bob, Deacon Ed, Suzanne, Mary Jane and Bob P. The Oversight Committee meets every other week to review progress and works any issues of the total project.
2. Building Committee – This Committee meets tomorrow (01/11/17) to review the proposed layout of the admin building and the options for the church. This majority of the meeting will discuss how to facilitate parishioner input; when to meet with parishioners; and should there be a web portal to solicit input from parishioners.

Ministry Reports

St. John Bosco – Helen reported enrollment at 434 students. Catholic Schools' Week is Jan. 30-Feb. 3. An Open House will be held on Wednesday from 5-7 pm; open house will be Thursday. VIP Day and Mass will be held on Feb. 3. The Knights have to ask to assist with parking cars that day.

The tuition for next year will be set by Feb. 1st when enrollment and re-enrollment open. They will be promoting CEA as these monies have dropped this year due in part to long established families moving to high school and redirecting their CEA donations and the loss of a large corporate donor.

Feb.18th is the Gala Golf, their big fundraiser; it will be played at Legacy.

They hope to add another pre-school class next year.

High school entrance exams have started

Carol Prezko is retiring at the end of this school year; she will substitute as needed.

Fr. Bob thanked Helen for all her hard work behind the scenes as business manager. They will initiate a search for the position of Assistant Principal.

Knights of Columbus

Rudy reported the knights did the set-up and tear down for Family Promise. Their coat drive provided 110 coats for children, many of them from the local Indian tribes.

A blood drive is scheduled for Jan. 29th with many opportunities for walk-in's.

Valentine Dance will be held on Feb. 11th in the multi-purpose room of SJB; \$55/couple; open to the community

Golf Tournament in April is a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul

Family Promise: Charlie, Chettie, Lisa and Joe provided food, activities, and overnight hosts. The children were delighted with the Christmas gifts.

Vibrant Ministries: Charlie noted we will be looking at a Ministry Fair on an every other year basis

Welcome Sunday: Eamonn noted no new families of those attending this past Sunday.

Deacon Ed – report:

1. ¼ stone has been added to the parking lots; they are all in good shape
2. It has been very difficult to keep the outside cross lit; it is under consideration to unplug it
3. Generally, for its age, the facility is holding up quite well.
4. RCIA-there is a small group ready to start the program; Sr. Colleen does an excellent job no matter the size of the group. Adult confirmation conclude at Mount Carmel
5. Adoration- still a problem getting enough people for 24 hours. Corpus Christi has asked if we would like to use their chapel for prayers for Fr. Bob; they would cover any of the hours we couldn't. The council concluded that we would not be able to find enough people to do this. Deacon Ed proposed contacting every ministry and asking them to each take one hour during our adoration time (1st Friday-Saturday) to help out the knights.

New Business:

1. CDA Goal for 2017 is \$85,000; Mike and Lisa Low have accepted the position of co-chairs
2. A joint meeting of the staff, pastoral and finance councils will be held on Feb.1, 2017. The parish will provide dinner. The agenda will include presentations from Orcutt/Winslow (overview of plans) and the K-Group (capital campaign).
3. Charlie has spoken with some parishioners concerning future openings on the pastoral council.
4. Chettie noted the Rummage Sale will be held on March 11th at SJB from 7am-2pm. Collection of items will begin Feb.3-4 at the trailers after all Masses. Helen suggested contacting Tyler to put a notice in the Bulldog Bite.
5. Next meeting is Feb. 28th; opening prayer-Eamonn; closing prayer-Mike

Closing prayers: Chettie read a prayer by the children from Family Promise.

Charlie read a prayer to St. Peregrine.

7:42 pm meeting closed

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Johnston, recording secretary

