

“Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the Eucharist, we are called to invite all people into a deeper relationship with God and one another.”

PARISH OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Pastoral Council Minutes: Thursday, March 1, 2018

In Attendance: Kathy Shorette, Sarah Zmistowski, Linda Lawrence-Parrick, Bill Halteman, Kevin McFadden, Matt Ketch, Philip Roy, Julia Sockbeson, Deacon Mike Boggs, Father Bill Labbe

Excused: Mary Beth Willett, Terri Maher, Joyce Traenkner

Opening Prayer: Kevin McFadden

- I. Approval of minutes:** The minutes for the Thursday, February 1, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Sarah Zmistowski and seconded by Kevin McFadden to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- II. Pastor’s Report:** (Father Bill reported on the following matters.)
 - A.** Parish Survey – Approximately 400 participants thus far with one week left ending on March 5th.

 - B.** Lenten Season – There will be three people at the Easter Vigil Mass receiving the Sacrament of Baptism and one person receiving Confirmation. There will be four readings at the Easter Vigil Mass which is one additional reading from last year. The Choir is in the planning stages for music to be played during the Triduum.

 - C.** Parish Life and Outreach Coordinator – In final discussions for starting date of the new Coordinator, Stephanie Phillips. Plan is to start in the next week or two.

 - D.** Management Team – Has discussed implementing the following through the various Parish Councils / Commissions / Committees:
 - i. Holding a Service Fair for the Councils to show what we do and have to offer the Parish Community. Also have other area service groups involved to make people aware of the community outreach that is available.
 - ii. Re-establish faith sharing groups which are opportunities for deeper discussions of our faith. This will be brought back to the Pastoral Council, after the next Management Team meeting in March, as action item for a future meeting. The potential start date of the groups would be in October of 2018.

III. Council / Commission / Committee Reports:

- A. Worship and Spirituality (Cece Costello): See Appendix A below.
- B. Matthew 25 Ministry (Barbara Falls): A grant was received for a nutrition program to be started. The program would teach individuals / families on how to use crockpots for cooking meals and how to look for and gather nutritional information. This would be accomplished by educating those individuals visiting the food pantry on a regular basis.
- C. Lifelong Faith Formation (Krista Culina): This committee will need to reconvene to discuss High School Youth Ministry. There is a need for a program that will involve the High School students in the Parish.
- D. Finance (Linda Lawrence): The Insurance Company was contacted to submit a claim for the broken double paned window at the Newman Center. It was determined that half of the expense of the window will be covered.
- E. Parish Life (Committee): Stephanie Phillips will work on starting this committee again.

IV. Action Items:

- A. Finding a Protecting God's Children Class / Teacher: Father Bill will look into the possibilities for a class in the near future. Find out if there may be a class being held in Bangor. Stephanie Phillips, Mary Beth Willett, Philip Roy, and Joyce Traenkner will need to attend the class. Will also check in with Jessica Moore and Ron Gastia to see if they will hold a class for the Parish.

V. Old Business:

- A. Pastoral Council Membership Update: Membership is currently up to date.
- B. Summary of Diocesan Survey Efforts: The survey overall has gone very well. A special thank you for the efforts of the volunteers. The final day to complete the survey is Monday, March 5th. The paper survey will need to be mailed out after the final day. Currently, Robin has not received the materials to send them back but will mail them out as soon as she receives them. Time will need to be blocked off on certain Saturdays for the discussion of a comprehensive plan based on the results along with the other Parishes involved.

VI. New Business / Other:

- A. Central Repository for Minutes and Agendas: It was discussed that we need to have a record of the minutes and agendas of the Pastoral Council for any Parish members to review if needed. We talked about having a hard copy in the office and to send the electronic copies to Robin to store. There also needs to be a central place that Parish members can have access to them such as the website.

- B.** Solving the “Blank Stares”: Discussed a different approach to the Pastoral Council opening prayer assignment. Some solutions offered were to leave the prayer to Father Bill or Deacon Mike, to assign the prayer to a Council Member each week, or to find a common prayer that we can all pray together. It was decided that as a Council we would recite the opening prayer from the Second Vatican Council for each meeting.
- C.** Community Supper: The next supper is on April 20th, 2018. Bill Halteman will be out of town so Mary Beth Willett offered to be the coordinator for the supper. The suppers have been approaching nearly 100 people. It was decided that we would have a comfort food (pasta) buffet for the meal. Some suggestions were Mac N Cheese, American Chop Suey, Lasagna, etc... We will finalize the details at the April meeting.
- D.** Next Holy Hour: The next prayer hour is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th at 7:30 pm at St. Ann, Bradley. The Pastoral Council Secretary will send out a reminder for the prayer hour on Friday and Monday prior to the third Tuesday of the month to make sure we have full participation.
- E.** Bazaar Committee Discussion to use funds: The committee discussed the issues with the flooring in the RCIA room and the potential of replacing it. There will need to be an assessment of the floor done because of the asbestos. The thought was to possibly replace the current carpet with a floating floor / vinyl plank flooring which will be easier to clean and maintain. Greg has been made aware of the situation and it was decided to make this an action item as part of the overall facilities plan.

VII. Adjournment:

- A.** Next meeting: Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall library at Holy Family, Old Town.
- B.** Opening prayer: The opening prayer of the Second Vatican Council will be used starting at the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

APPENDIX A

Worship and Spirituality Commission met on January 25 for Lenten planning as follows:

- Weekly Stations of the Cross, Thursdays during Lent. Different parish groups were asked to lead the stations.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3PM @ Holy Family; will be led by Fr. Bill
- Divine Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday by Fr. Bill's request, members organized and set up people to lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after every weekend mass. Information on the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also being placed in the bulletin each week.
- The Little Black Book, 6-minute reflections on the Passion according to Mark, was handed out to parishioners by members of our commission at all weekend masses of Feb 10/11.
- Parish Lenten informational folders were also handed out at weekend masses of Feb. 17/18 by our commission.
- Advent/Christmas 2017 events were review and suggestions were made for 2018.