

“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, May 03, 2018, 6:30 pm

**In Attendance:** Bill Halteman, Kathy Shorette, Sarah Zmistowski, Linda Lawrence-Parrick, Matt Ketch, Julia Sockbeson, Joyce Traenkner, Mary Beth Willett, Terri Maher, Deacon Mike Boggs

**Excused:** Father Bill Labbe, Philip Roy

**Opening Prayer:** We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all; enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name, may we temper justice with love, so that all our discussions and reflections may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### **I. Approval of minutes:**

- A.** The minutes for the Thursday, March 1, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mary Beth Willett and seconded by Julia Sockbeson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** The minutes for the Thursday, April 19, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Julia Sockbeson and seconded by Mary Beth Willett to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **II. Council / Commission / Committee Reports:**

- A.** Worship and Spirituality (Cece Costello): No recent meetings to report on.
- B.** Matthew 25 Ministry (Barbara Falls): See Appendix A for report. Samples of the food from the Good Shepherd Food Bank was distributed amongst the Council Members to try and report back on for quality and taste.
- C.** Lifelong Faith Formation (Krista Culina): No recent meetings to report on.

- D. Finance (Linda Lawrence): No recent meetings to report on. The budget will be discussed at the next Council meeting.
- E. Parish Life (Committee): No recent meetings to report on.

### **III. Action Items:**

- A. Formally Approve Social Justice and Peace name change to Matthew 25 Committee: A motion was made by Mary Beth Willett and seconded by Julia Sockbeson to approve the name change to Matthew 25. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Old Business:**

- A. Final comments about the Diocesan Survey: Approximately 400 people took the survey. We have 850 families registered in the Parish which accounts for 1,859 individuals.
- B. Protecting God's Children follow-up: Father Bill has a few names of individuals who may be able to be trainers for the class. Another thought was to have someone from the Diocese to hold a class for individuals who will be willing to be trainers in the future.
- C. Repository for Pastoral Council meeting minutes: Robin currently has many of the past minutes and will need any additional past meeting minutes that are available. The minutes will be shared on a Google Drive for access.
- D. Community Supper report / summary: There were approximately 60 people who attended the supper. The pasta buffet was received well by everyone and there was plenty of food to accommodate the people who attended. We had plenty of volunteers.
- E. Community Mass summary / review: There were approximately 110 people who attended the supper Saturday night and 140 who attended the brunch on Sunday morning. There was a lot of food left over after the Saturday supper but it was frozen and then given away. It was hard to anticipate the attendance being the first supper after a Community Mass. Overall collections were down for the full weekend. Because it was School Vacation week it may have affected the overall attendance at the masses.

### **V. New Business / Other:**

- A. Parish Life Coordinator: Stephanie Philips is anticipated to start on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. She will be working between 10 – 15 hours per week to start.

- B.** Committee Reports Archive: The Committee's reports will be attached as addendums to the Pastoral Council minutes which will be archived by Robin.
- C.** Appreciation for Volunteers / Ministries / Groups: As a Pastoral Council at every meeting we will sign a thank you card to an individual or an organization that has been doing good works for the church community. We felt this would be a good way to recognize those folks who are contributing (i.e. Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, Religious Education Teachers, Ladies of St. Anne, Music Ministers, Alter Servers, Funeral Ministry, Faith Sharing Organizers, FOCUS Ministry, etc...). The Pastoral Council Secretary will obtain a nice box of thank you cards to distribute and bring them to the next meeting. We will ask if Stephanie Philips can help keep track of the events that are happening during the calendar year for ideas on who should be recognized. This will become part of the Pastoral Council running agenda for next meeting and beyond.
- D.** Next steps for Evangelization Plan: The Council worked on refining the purpose statement and vision statement for the next DMI meeting scheduled on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to be held in Dexter.

**VI. Adjournment:**

- A.** Next meeting: Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall Library at Holy Family, Old Town. This will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee.
- B.** Closing prayer: Our Father prayed together.

## APPENDIX A

### Matthew 25 Ministry

Social Justice and Peace has decided on a new name: Matthew Twenty-five Ministry. This new name better reflects everything we do. With the approval of the Parish Council, I want to start using and advertising our new title.

As usual, we have been very busy. The thrift shop continues to receive many donations, unfortunately, we have to throw out about half of what we receive due to poor condition, outdated and not enough space to store all the items. I have inquired with other thrift shops regarding this situation and it's a problem for them too.

Holy Family Food Pantry is serving over 60 families a month.

We agreed to accept a \$15,000 donation to purchase food from Good Shepherd Food Bank. I personally liked that we were buying food directly from Bell's IGA. They've been great to us over the years plus they deliver. Some of the food items are coming from China. I asked Robin to contact Good Shepherd, they responded positively and are now going to put on the order form where the food derives from. I find some of the items awful and would not feed it to my family. I am providing samples for you to decide.

Cathy Martinage has taken over the Senior Companion program from Mary Montville.

Our community suppers continue to be very popular. Every month we are attracting more people from the community for a home cooked meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Falls