

DATE: 6 MAY 2018
RE: APRIL 2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Jon/Kate Ayers, Terry Beecroft, Claire/Paul Brewer, Jen Brown, Karen Bucyk, Maureen Donahue, Joanne Levesque, Dianne/Ed Mills, Meredith Smith, Bob/Sue Taft.

The meeting was held at Holy Family Parish lower church. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Karen Bucyk and refreshments were provided by Joanne Levesque and Sue Taft.

The Council discussed feedback from the Easter Season:

There were sufficient greeters during the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. More were needed for Holy Thursday and Good Friday. It was suggested to bring back the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday.

Suggestions for outreach possibilities:

A campfire night or a night of family friendly games at the State Reservation Pavilion
Setting up a table in front of the church for the Amesbury Days block party –
handing out water bottles with the new Mass schedule on them,
give-a-ways from the Knights
refrigerator magnets with the new Mass schedule on it
Game playing gathering for priest and young people

Fr. Scott had further discussions with Rev. Nathan Baxter regarding ecumenical opportunities between our congregations, with a possible event in late summer or early fall.

The opportunity for additional staffing was discussed. With the absence of a 2nd priest, two positions are now available to assist Fr. Scott with the running of the two parishes.

A part-time Sacristan for each parish who will assist Fr. Scott with the preparations for the Mass and other Sacraments.
A full time Pastoral Associate for Local Outreach and Evangelization.

The farewell festivities for Fr. Chris and Maureen were discussed.

The Collation Group will be providing food and drinks for the event at Holy Family on May 20th.

The Hospitality Group will provide cakes and desserts.

Parishioners of Star of the Sea are providing for the festivities there.

At the next meeting on June 3rd, it will be a 'Come and See' for those interested in becoming members. Parish Council is providing light refreshments. Current members should feel free to invite potential members and/or contact Father Scott with potential members so that he can extend the invitation or offer support for their invitation.

Revisiting the Pastoral Plan for the next 3 years was also briefly discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd at the lower church at Holy Family Parish at 6:45pm.
Hospitality to begin at 6:30pm.

Closing Prayer was provided by Maureen Donahue

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by the Parish Council members.

Opening prayer will be provided by Sue Taft and Closing Prayer will be provided by Marian Hefron