

**LIVING WATER CATHOLIC PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 28, 2019**

**Attendance:** Rev. Scott Euvrard, Deacon Paul Specht, Kathy Specht, Claire and Paul Brewer, Ken Steeves, John , Kate and Ella Rose Ayres, Joanne Levesque, Diane and Ed Mills, Jen Brown, Ruthann Frost, Germaine Koomen, Rose and Doug McBride, Mark Fournier, Jane Curtis, Steve Norton, John Scaduto

A thank you to Ken Steeves for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting.

Opening Prayer: Provided by Germaine Koomen and read by all present.

Welcome to all from Diane Mills, followed by brief introductions. Tonight we will review the Pastoral Plan from groups representing our community engagement through Christian service.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Steve Norton provided a summary of this service group.

- Long delay due to permitting issues. Site location is Old County Rd., Salisbury, constructing a duplex and a single family home. Seven sites in total.
- On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we had 18 people from Living Water Catholic show up for our build day. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, staff from our Parish will work there and on May 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a women's build day. Nice to see such a positive response.
- Concerns are sustainability of it. The Lawrence site has been ongoing for 14-15 years and is well connected. The Salisbury site requires fundraising for stock.
- Habitat does have a location in Lawrence where donated items can be sold for money, which is then used for building. A congregation could take up a collection for furnishings, once units are completed. Girl Scout troops have made window boxes. Housewarming gifts from local organizations when the keys are turned over.
- In summary, delay in start, good participation, sustainability is questionable. One can work part of a day, just show up at 8:15, sign a liability waiver, and team leaders will show you what to do.

**Military Families:** Mark Fournier then addressed this community service endeavor.

- Started 3 years ago with a care package drive for Veteran's Day for Christmas. Donations were overwhelming! Packages were sent to all military people listed in the bulletin. High school students helped with boxing. Assistance from volunteers in filling out customs forms. We had no budget, but VFW helped with shipping costs.
- Problem: We were not focused on the right things to ship. Majority of people are stationed at bases where items are readily available. Trying to obtain names from people about their children has also been difficult.

- This year we sent cards. Our parishioners are engaged, but it has not been well received at the other end. We need to rethink where we send items to, perhaps a Veteran's Hospital or shelter for homeless Vets.
- Mark also stated that he and his wife, Theresa, are moving up north, so he has submitted his resignation to Fr. Scott.

**Haiti:** Rose and Doug McBride spoke about this program to assist our Sister Parish in Chateau, Haiti.

- We are still doing Haitian Fair Trade, selling coffee and art items. The proceeds are funding the salary of a teacher in Haiti for one-full year, which is \$1,200. Community Rice Bowls through Catholic Relief also helps.
- Rose took a trip to Tennessee over the summer to make connections.
- Doug and Father Scott made a trip to Chateau, Haiti during that same time period. The community is very faithful, spiritual and full of enthusiasm during Mass. There is just so much that they need, rebuilding their church, plus the school housing 380 students needs a lot of work. They opted to pay for a teacher's salary, as one teacher can touch the lives of more than paying tuition for just 10 students.
- Our current focus is to finance a solar-powered computer lab for the school with 11 work stations. Fr. Claudel from Haiti has selected a Haitian company to set this up. In conjunction with this project, Fr. Scott's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination is coming up next month, May 17<sup>th</sup>. He has requested that in place of personal gifts, that donations be made to the Haiti Sister Parish Solar Power Computer Center Project, for St. Louis de France School in Chateau, Haiti.
- We are also working to connect them with Food for the Poor to help provide lunch for the kids and enough food to take home.

**Garden talk:** Jane Curtis spoke about this project.

- The plan was to produce fresh, good-looking produce for people who cannot afford it and delivering it. Last year they produced 700 lbs. of produce. Bags of summer squash were also donated by a parishioner, Jim Krafton.
- Christine McCarthy started it, but then let Jane take over as she has a degree in horticulture. Others volunteers have signed up to help weed. Right now Jane needs more help. She said she is getting older, and could use assistance in maintaining the garden.

**Cor Unum:** Matt Hale, who heads up this service team, was not present. Fr. Scott said that Matt's Teams of people serve breakfast the second Saturday of every month at the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. Information is in the bulletin to contact Matt, or just show up at the location to volunteer from 5:30-8:30.

**Mass Schedule review:** After group discussions of our current Mass times, Father Scott felt that we are saturated with Masses on the weekend. No one really likes the 6 pm Mass. At this point, we cannot change things and make everyone happy, so we will leave things as they are.

**Council Transitions:** After our June meeting, Joanne Leveque from Star of the Sea, will be leaving the Pastoral Council after 5 years. Ed and Dianne Mills from Holy Family Parish will also be leaving us after 5 years. Diane indicated she has been here even longer, since Fr. Gentleman. Diane has also been our vice-chair, and will be looking for someone to take that spot. It usually involves a half hour meeting every month to prepare the agenda and send it out. This has been done via email at times. Diane said that in year's past, the Council has gotten more involved in doing things for the Parish. Not so much this year, and she would like to see that vision return.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:** This will be a Pot Luck meeting, a come-and-see meeting for prospective members, plus we would also like to invite the Teams that we have met with during this year. We need to create a one-year bridge plan before our next three-year plan, and also discuss our Christ Life Program direction and where we are headed.

- Final meeting for year is June 2, 2019
- Opening Prayer: Father Scott
- Closing Prayer: Paul Brewer
- Refreshments and food provided by all attending this POT LUCK MEETING

Closing Prayer was read by all before adjourning our meeting.