

DATE: 4 DECEMBER 2016

RE: DECEMBER 2016 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Marian Hebron, Joanne Levesque, Dianne Mills, Ed Mills

The meeting was held at Star of the Sea Parish – Father Morgan Hall. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Terry Beecroft and refreshments provided by Marc Dodier.

It was decided by the Parish Council that prior to each month's meeting, a report would be distributed giving the updates on certain projects that do not necessarily need to be discussed at the meetings:

1,000,000 Works of Mercy – A total of 127,587 Works of Mercy were reported during this Jubilee Year of Mercy which concluded with a group of 45+ parishioners walking through the Holy Doors at the Cathedral in Boston and lunch at Sullivan's on Castle Island.

Fr. Ixon's Fundraiser – The parish was able to raise over \$9k to help him and his community in Haiti. He was very grateful for the support.

Knights of Columbus – We have 27 members and are always looking for more members to join.

Organization/Staff – Paula Blair has ended her employment and the Archdiocese has posted the position on rcab.org.

Holy Family Christmas Fair – A success. Raised about \$20k. Thank you to Kluggie and her team.

Holy Family Development – The annual collection total as of Nov 7<sup>th</sup> is \$26,061.35.

Billboard – The Christmas billboard is in and will be installed soon.

RCIA – We have 4 inquirers including 2 not baptized, and 2 that are. Goal is to keep on expanding that group.

Faith Community Nursing – Rose McBride will begin working with Fr. Scott to develop a Health Ministry for the parishes.

Cor Unum-Lawrence – The Service and Justice Team has taken this on as a service project as part of the pastoral plan. Matt Hale is the contact for this project. Serving breakfast the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month in 2017.

Updates were given for the following teams:

Joanne Levesque for the Faith Formation team – There is a list of Churches that will be visited to see what Religious Ed programs they have.

Fr. Scott for the Vocations team – Loretta Gallagher will be facilitating those meetings.

Terry Beecroft for the Justice and Service team – The team is working on the Christmas bulletin page, the Habitat for Humanity Building Project and the survey for the Christmas Masses. She also mentioned the Justice Convocation held in Boston. John Massaua also attended.

Maureen for the Hospitality team – Team is working on bulletin insert and requirements for assisting at Baptisms.

Fr. Chris and Dianne Mills spoke about the Evangelical Catholic which Dianne has now become a member of. So far there are 9 participants who will be going through 20+ hours of training over the next 3 months.

Fr. Scott mentioned the name tags that all team members should wear. They are dry-erase, and can be reused.

He also mentioned the Blue Christmas Prayer Service. Invitees will be anyone who has lost someone in the past year.

Fr. Chris spoke about the youth ministry. He is working on a video series about conversions.

A group discussion took place about the decreased attendance and opportunities to reach and gather the 84%.

Christmas Outreach – The book "Resisting Happiness" will be given out at the Christmas Masses. We are again sending out Christmas cards with the Mass schedule on it. The times of the Masses are the same as last year.

Lenten Plans – Lenten suppers with speakers, 24-hour adoration, and The Light is on for you are all possible Lenten events to be announced.

The next meeting is January 29, 2017, at Fr. Morgan Hall at 6:45pm, with hospitality starting @6:30pm.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided Joanne Levesque.

Opening prayer for next meeting will be provided by Marian Hebron and closing prayer will be provided by Dianne Mills.