

DATE: 26 FEBRUARY 2017

RE: FEBRUARY 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Gene Cote, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Marian Hefron, Dianne Mills

The meeting was held at Fr. Morgan Hall at Star of the Sea Parish. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Terry Beecroft and refreshments provided by Gene Cote.

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

Knights of Columbus – The Knights sponsored a free throw basketball contest at Latitudes Sports Club on January 28th. They also sponsored a blood drive at the Holy Family Parish Hall on February 25th in conjunction with the Boston Children's Hospital. Both were successful events.

Biblical Journey through the Mass – Held on Monday evenings with the RCIA candidates and parishioners. Facilitated by Fr. Chris and Fr. Scott and has been well received.

Merrimack Valley Youth Conference – Fr. Chris is organizing the Confirmation II candidates to attend this conference on March 18th, grades 8,9,11 and 12 have also been invited.

Lenten Suppers – Held on Fridays during Lent, and featuring a light meal and guest speaker.

Reach More-Evangelical Catholic – Small faith groups will start to meet on February 26th, for six weeks.

Resisting Happiness – Follow up sessions have been completed and those that participated had positive comments.

Updates were given for the following teams:

Fr. Chris for the Faith Formation team – Weather has delayed the planned visitations of other parishes. First presentation will be at a later date.

Fr. Scott for the Vocations team – Fr. Eric to preside over the Vocations Breakfast Mass and then speak at the Confirmation Brunch on March 26th. There will be speakers on Marriage, Priesthood, Religious/Consecrated Life and Fr. Chris' parents will speak about having a child in the Priesthood. Arrangements have been made to have the Daughters of St. Paul speak with elementary students. Putting together a plan for Vocation Bible School summer program during June 26th thru 30th. Jane Buxbaum to lead program.

Terry Beecroft for the Justice and Service team – The team has compiled the data from the survey. A meeting has been scheduled for March 15th for all those who showed interest in being a part of the service projects.

Maureen for the Hospitality team – Developing a database of all greeters. Will use this list to invite all those greeters from Christmas Masses to sign up for further greeting opportunities. Putting in place greeters for funerals.

General Discussion Items –

Planning the Follow Up Meeting of all Faith Formation Teams scheduled for March 19th. Meeting will be held at Star of Sea after the 5:30 Mass. Discussed logistics for setup. Each team should have at least one member attending. 74 invites sent out. 16 positive responses so far. Fr. Scott will speak with each team lead concerning budget plans, success/failures and future goals of each team.

Term Limits on Parish Pastoral Council. Current members to set up appointments with Fr. Scott after March 19th and prior to the meeting on April 30th to discuss future membership.

Lenten Plans – Lenten suppers with speakers, 24-hour For the Lord on March 24th – 25th. Refreshments and hourly coverage to be coordinated between Faith Formation Teams. Children's' Holy Half Hour with refreshments.

Hospitality Team is coordinating greeters for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

The next meeting is April 30, 2017, at Holy Family Parish at 6:45pm, with hospitality starting @6:30pm.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Dianne Mills.

Opening prayer for next meeting will be provided by Marian Hefron and closing prayer will be provided by Karen Bucyk.