

DATE: 28 JANUARY 2017

RE: JANUARY 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Terry Beecroft, Gene Cote, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donahue, Joanne Levesque, Dianne Mills
Christine McCarthy, our new Business Manager, was also present. The meeting was held at Holy Family Parish Center. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Dianne Mills and refreshments provided by Joanne Levesque.

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 are sponsoring a free throw basketball contest at Latitudes Sports Club on January 28th. They are also sponsoring a blood drive at the Holy Family Parish Hall on February 25th in conjunction with the Boston Children's Hospital.

Organization/Staff – The Parish Collaborative has hired a new business manager. Her name is Christine McCarthy. Her start date is February 6th.

RCIA – Nathaniel (Nat) was baptized in the Episcopal Church and is interested in becoming part of our Church.

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 and to check out their intergenerational programs.

Fr. Scott for the Vocations team – Fr. Eric to preside over Mass and then speak at the Vocations Brunch on 3/26/17. Arrangements are being made to have Sisters speak with elementary students in addition to the Vocations Brunch. Putting together a plan for "Vocation" Bible School summer program during June 26th thru 30th. Jane Buxbaum to lead program. Michelle Parsons and Michelle Garvey have agreed to assist.

Terry Beecroft for the Justice and Service team – The team is compiling the data from the survey that was distributed at the Christmas Masses and through survey monkey.

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. Maureen and Terry spoke about the Hospitality webinar. Both thought it had great ideas and was very informative. We also discussed how to make parishes more user friendly for parents and infants.

Fr. Chris and Dianne Mills spoke about the Evangelical Catholic Program. 9 parishioners have gone through 20+ hours of training since September. Small groups to start meeting during Lent. Groups will meet Mon – Thur. Registration begins 2/4/17.

Fr. Chris also gave an update on the Youth Ministry Program – Flatbread gathering was a success. The group is working on putting together a review of Lenten meatless meals available at local restaurants.

General Discussion Items –

Planning the Follow Up Meeting of all Pastoral Plan Teams scheduled for March 19th. Meeting will be held at Star of Sea after the 5:30 Mass.

Working on budgeting process for FY18 for all teams.

Current PPC has been together for almost 3 years. Fr. Scott will meet with current members.

Using Flocknote to notify all team members about upcoming events. Terry is working on getting permission from members of the Hospitality Team.

Lenten Plans – Lenten suppers with speakers, 24-hour For the Lord on March 24th – 25th. Refreshments and hourly coverage to be coordinated between various groups in our parishes. Wednesday evenings churches open for prayer and Sacrament of Penance.

The next meeting is February 26, 2017, at Fr. Morgan Hall at 6:45pm, with hospitality starting @6:30pm.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Gene Cote..

Opening prayer for next meeting will be provided by Terry Beecroft and closing prayer will be provided by Marc Dodier.