

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2016

Present: Fr. Fister, Anthony Koch, Greg Walters, Audra Perraut, Wendy Koch, Jim Akers, Jim Baber
Also present: Lucy Marsh, Kevin Crump, Stan Galbraith, Deacon Ron Sparks, Gregorio, Eren, Juan, Mary, Luis

Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:58 and Father led the council in prayer. December minutes approved by all via email.

- Principal's Report – Lucy Marsh
 - For the Year of Mercy, St. Mary will sponsor a related project for each month.
 - The 3 weeks of Advent we were in school we had: a toy drive for the Catholic Center's Christmas Store; winter clothing collection for the Paris Community Action; and new children's books collection for the Paris Community Action.
 - In January we had a food drive for Operation Food Basket. The Knights of Columbus have volunteered to deliver the foods for us.
 - Repairs to the school building: exterior painting and re-pointing bricks.
 - Successful Christmas play and social. We "took the show on the road" to Bourbon Heights the following day.
 - IT specialist has diagnosed and corrected our laundry list of technical issues.
 - DARE is back at SMS. 4th and 5th graders are participating in an 8-week class.
 - Safety Officer Wilson joined us for pizza on January 15th. He was a hit!
 - Bourbon County Conservation District School winners:
 - 1st place – Michelle Townsend (4th grade)
 - 2ND place – Sears Frank (4th grade)
 - 3rd place – Eric Green (1st grade)
 - New tuition incentive: An SMS family can earn \$100 tuition credit for 2-16-1017 school year by referring a new family. That family must register, enroll and attend school at SMS.
 - Third grade sent letters to veterans and "adopted" a 96-year old veteran. Follow is a letter from Mr. Orville Birch, a Korean War veteran:
November 22, 2015
To: Administrator St. Mary School, Paris, KY
How heartwarming to receive the very well written thank you letter from student Caroline and most of all the daily prayers she mentioned are so appreciated. It is encouraging to know your school is teaching patriotism as many schools do not believe that is important. I pray God's very best blessings on all your teachers and students as you instill in them Christian values.
 - SMS was highlighted in Bourbon Heights' monthly newsletter.
 - MAP testing is being conducted this week.
 - Knights of Columbus are provided lunch for SMS students today!
- Maintenance Report - Kevin Crump
 - Door parts came in. Repairs should be made soon.
 - Lights
 - Kevin trying to touch base with Versailles guy.

- Anthony says Charles Linville wants to leave current fixture boxes and replace insides. No quote yet. Bryan Bailey will let Linville use his scaffolding to save on cost. Crucifix lighting should be simple using lights and wires that run down already.
 - Jim B. says his guy is waiting for measurements from us to get proposal together. Company suggests not lighting crucifix and painting directly because of shadows. Also suggest changing lighting in foyer.
 - Waiting on better weather for tuck pointing to be done.
 - Convent pump –Lovell quote is \$1,300 for boiler pump replacement and installation. Unanimous approval to replace.
 - Handrail footplates are loose per Jim A. Kevin already having it looked at. Some kneelers need repair and replacement too.
- Finance Report – Stan Galbraith
 - Received \$17,500 contribution around Christmas for maintenance.
 - Assessment of \$15,000 due. We have the money.
 - One in Faith account. Can we continue collection for it for specific funds, such as, maintenance? Earmarked money is not assessed. Father to write letter and brief announcement before dismissal.
 - Offertory was \$33,500 for December.
 - Utilities costs are running under.
- Committee Reports
 - Parish Life
 - Women’s Club
 - Meets March thru December.
 - Took over altar flower duties.
 - Developing a welcome bag for new parish members.
 - October 15, 2016 will be the 1st annual yard sale.
 - Style Show April 2016 with proceeds for outreach programs.
 - August thru November have Christmas craft nights.
 - They had a Christmas tea and ornament exchange.
 - Donated to youth group for Pope trip, local flood victims, St. Vincent de Paul, Relay for Life, SMS Gala and Chamber of Commerce dinners.
 - Youth Group
 - Selling candy bars.
 - Mardi Gras party is Feb 9th.
 - Father/daughter dance is Feb 12th.
 - Youth retreat is in March.
 - Catholic Leadership Institute is June 5-10.
 - Stubenville retreat is June 17-19.
 - K of C
 - 350 Club Raffle tickets are currently available for sale at \$20 each. 2016 drawings to start Feb. 25, 2016. \$100, \$50 and \$25 prizes each month.

- Placed billboard in Lexington.
 - 20 men attended men's retreat which was very nice.
 - Provided lunch for St. Mary students today. Plans to do this each month. Students really enjoyed!
 - Hispanic
 - Eren will try to come to more meetings.
 - 4 Hispanic members are going to youth group meeting.
 - Liturgy
 - Father purchased new server clothing which arrived today.
 - Preparing for Lent and Year of Mercy.
 - Holy Father wants 24 hours of confession March 3rd and 4th all over the world. Bishops are asking for an amendment to this.
 - PTS
 - Met January 13th.
 - Catholic Schools week is Feb 1-5.
 - Gala will be April 30 at Oasis. Theme is "An Evening in Paris".
 - DQ night is every 3rd Tuesday.
 - Electing new President and Treasurer.
 - Next meeting is February 17th.
- Pastor's Report
 - Committee liaisons are communicating.
 - Want to have committee heads spend 10 minutes at their meetings going over minutes and report feedback.
- Old Business
 - Survey
 - Discussed questions 16-30. "Importance to me" vs. "How well done in this Parish" results pretty even.
 - 16. Cooperation with groups in community to meet local needs. 5.77 v. 5.45. We do operation food basket, the well, etc. 9 people said N/A. Assume people just don't know all that is done in community by parish.
 - 17. Promotion of respect for human life. 6.49 v. 5.58. Father speaks about it frequently. Knights of Columbus put up billboard.
 - 18. Support for families who've experienced death. 6.45 v. 6.07. Provide meals for families. Funeral directors know we will provide funeral for someone without faith community.
 - 19. RCIA. 5.91 v. 5.83.
 - 20. Spirit of welcome to those wishing to become Catholic. 6.05 v. 5.54. We have Catholics Returning Home program.
 - 21. New members of parish made to feel welcome. 6.24 v. 5.33. Need to get visitors to parish center for hospitality. Welcome bags being created by Women's Club. Maybe assign a mentor family.
 - 22. Outreach to non-practicing Catholics. 5.84 v. 4.61.
 - 23. Sensitivity to religious diversity within families. 5.07 v. 5.04. Case by case basis. Could speak with families one on one by special invitation.
 - 24. Offer programs to address needs of Hispanic community. 4.94 v. 5.27. Trying to integrate more.

- 25. Appropriately integrate Hispanic community. 5.15 v. 4.35. Encouraging this now. Have heavy involvement with CCD.
- 26. Provide opportunities to understand cultural differences to enhance integration. 4.59 v. 4.15. We are notified of activities.
- 27. Cooperation with other Christian churches. 5.1 v. 4.87. Many don't understand the Catholic faith.
- 28. Invitation of members to share the responsibility of leadership. 5.67 v. 4.85. Time, treasure, and talent questionnaire needs to be done again.
- 29. Ease in obtaining help and answers when calling parish office. 6.19 v. 5.4. This has greatly improved over the years.
- 30. Parish leadership that listens. 6.36 v. 5.57.

○ Meeting adjourned at 8:59

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Koch