

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2016

Present: Fr. Fister, Anthony Koch, Audra Perraut, Wendy Koch, Jim Akers, Jim Baber, Greg Walters

Also present: Lucy Marsh, Kevin Crump, Deacon Ron Sparks, Stan Galbraith

Anthony called the meeting to order and Father led the council in prayer. February minutes approved.

- Principal's Report – Lucy Marsh
 - The Knights of Columbus provided a spaghetti lunch to our students 3-15-16.
 - Reenrollment is going well.
 - It was brought to our attention that Land's End had a fund raising product which supported Gloria Steinem's organization. Many families purchase uniforms through Land's End. After contacting the company, we received a letter stating they no longer support Ms. Steinem's organization.
 - SMS Academic Team placed 3rd of 16 schools in the Regional Governor's Cup tournament on March 12. The team won the quick recall category and was voted by the other teams to win the Hume Sportsmanship Award. Our students were the face of Christ at that tournament!
 - Bailee Beauman (4th grade) was invited to exhibit her science project at the Regional Science Fair.
 - Kindergarten through 3rd grade participated in the National Agriculture Day on March 15. The Bourbon Co. Extension agent led the program.
 - 5th grade was invited to participate in a workshop at Hopewell Museum on March 8. The workshop combined technology, engineering and art.
 - We have been observing the Stations of the Cross during Lent on our Monday prayer services.
 - The 2nd trimester ended on Feb. 22; that same day Ms. Marsh led a teacher in-service dealing with technology.
 - Ms. Marsh is currently working with 12 prospective families for the 2016/2017 enrollment.
 - The development office at Lexington Catholic High School has volunteered to help the small schools in the Diocese with marketing strategies. Ms. Marsh has enrolled SMS in the free program.

- Finance Report – Stan Galbraith
 - SMS 2016/2017 SMS budget was approved. Budget includes teachers for all grades. Budget based on 68 catholic students. This is conservative.
 - Have money in tuition assistance fund to take care of scholarships.
 - Gala "fund the need" will be for tuition assistance.
 - Church funds – utilities are high.
 - Cemetery account ok for now. Biggest income is from plot sales. Can we advertise for lots?
 - Currently working on church budget.

- Maintenance Report - Kevin Crump
 - Lights

- Linville proposal will not work. Will look for alternative. Kevin will follow up.
 - Jim B. contacted Puckett Electric in Winchester.
 - Whalen suggested installing one test track to see how we like it. Bulbs need to be moveable. Recommends down lighting for crucifix.
 - Father Danny's main concern is the tuck-pointing.
 - Door work starts March 17. Door at Parish Hall still not working properly.
 - Sound system has been taken care of.
 - No maintenance contract on bell. New contract would be \$475/year. Motor was replaced about 2 years ago. New contract purchase approved. Jim B. 1st, Audra P. 2nd.
 - Looking into wireless "hearing aid" system for those who have trouble hearing.
 - Pro Light Sound quote \$2,200 for 6 unit system.
 - Anthony mentioned possible "hearing assistance" pews with speakers underneath.
 - May be able to just turn up speakers on front sides.
 - Will experiment with turning up Father's wireless mic.
 - Need to keep an eye on equipment and settings as people change them.
 - Someone wants to donate headphone system for youth choir.
 - Long range planning – going to have to paint the steeple in future years.
- Committee Reports
 - Outreach
 - Bonnie Brady – help find funds for prescriptions for those who can't afford. There are 17 other ministers involved in the group trying to accomplish this. Always need more money!
 - Parish Life
 - Jennifer Frye – youth retreat was great!
 - Religious Formation
 - Catholics Returning Home and RCIA are meeting together. It is a large group.
 - PTS
 - Gala is at Oasis downtown. Capacity is 250. Have had 220-225 in past. 11 of 13 tables have been sold. Cash raffle for \$5,000. Looking for new President and Treasurer.
- New Business
 - Survey results- results for "Importance to me" and How well done in this parish" follow respectively.
 - Q31 Annually publishing a parish financial statement. 5.83 v. 5.91
 - Q32 An annual stewardship appeal, asking people for commitments to time and talents. 5.65 v. 5.15. Father Danny will compose a questionnaire.
 - Q33 The church appropriately encourages financial stewardship. 5.77 v. 5.44
 - Q34 Parishioners appropriately support the church financially. 6.18 v. 4.91. The percentage of those who give to the church is less than 50%. Fifteen percent of those give most of total support.
 - Q35 There should be more structured programs for financial stewardship within the parish. 5.18 v. 4.51. Look at adding maintenance envelopes, other specific needs.
 - Q36 Encouragement to become involved in parish ministries. 5.82 v. 4.87. We do invite parishioners to join councils, groups, etc.

- Q37 Well maintained parish facilities and grounds. 6.19 v. 6.12. Done very well.
- Q38 Easy access to the church and facilities for physically disabled. 6.08 v. 5.62.
- Q39 St. Mary School is appropriately integrated with Church community. 6.13 v 5.38. Done very well.
- Q40 Offer Catholic education at Preschool level. 5.64 v. 5.78. Wonderful Montessori Program.
- Q41 Offer Catholic education at Elementary level. 6.35 v. 5.97. Have standardized curriculum now.
- Q42 Revisit offering Catholic education at Middle School level. (Reopen Middle School) Importance 5.39.
- Q43 As a ministry of The Church of the Annunciation, how important is an "on campus" school (St. Mary School) to you? 5.94 v. 5.95
- Q44 Do you have children that are Pre-K thru 8th grade age ? 32.56% Yes, 67.44% No. Need to know why parish kids are not at SMS.
- Q45 If you answered yes to question #44, do your children attend St. Mary? 17.91% Yes, 25.37% No, 56.72 N/A.
- Q46 As a ministry of The Church of the Annunciation, how important is an "on campus" school (St. Mary School) to you? 6.11 v. 6.01.
- Q47 What is your status at this parish? Registered parishioner 96.39%, Regular Catholic attender but not registered in parish 2.41%, Non-Catholic attender 0%, Other 1.20%.
- Q48 How active are you in this parish? Not active (no involvement beyond attending Mass.) 5.81%, Somewhat active (attend some parish events in addition to Mass, but usually do not volunteer) 30.23%, Very active (attend Mass regularly, attend parish events, volunteer.) 36.05%, Highly active (attend Mass regularly, volunteer as leader and/or serves as a minister in some capacity.) 27.91%.
- Q49 How attached do you feel to this parish? Not at all attached 0%, Somewhat attached 18.60%, Very active 81.40%.
- Q50 How often do you usually attend Mass at this parish? only on special occasions 1.16%, once a month 2.33%, about 2-3 times a month 13.95%, once a week 68.60%, more than once a week 13.95%.
- Q51 Your race/ethnicity (select one) African American/Black 2.38%, Anglo/White/European 91.67%, Asian/Pacific Islander 1.19%, Hispanic/Latino 2.38%, Native American/American Indian 2.38%.
- Q52 Marital status (select one) single & never married 4.65%, married 79.07%, separated 1.16%, divorced 9.30% widowed 5.81%.
- Q53 Your age category (select one) 14-17 (1.18%), 18-25 (1.18%), 26-39 (8.24%), 40-55 (41.18%), 56-69 (36.47%), 70+ (11.76%).
- Q54 Gender Male 32.56%, Female 67.44%.
- Q55 Further Comments / Suggestions / Feedback 70.59% No, 29.41 Yes.

Greg suggested picking out highlights and report those to Parish. Anthony will write a response for Father Danny to review.

Next meetings are Tuesday, April 19, 2016, May 25, 2016.. Meeting adjourned at 9:13.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Koch