

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday February 27, 2020
St. Bonaventure LCR 12:00

Members present: Linda Levos, Kim Arlt (Admin/Finance), Dianne Keiter (Prayer and Worship), Cheryl Rambour (Catechesis), Kim Allen (St. Bonaventure School), Theresa Ingram (LOL), Don Heimes (Trustee), Dennis Grennan

Members excused: Tyler Erikson, Kathy Steiner, Tim Cumberland, Clete Pillen, Stephanie Johnson, Belinda Keiter

Ex Officio: Fr. Mike Swanton

Opening prayer: Theresa Ingram

Call to Order: Fr. Mike Swanton

Fr. Mike Swanton called the meeting to order with new guidelines. Each Area of Parish Life will have five minutes for a progress report with their action items and if help is needed. Dianne Keiter acted as time keeper for the meeting.

Dianne Keiter (Prayer and Worship) – Mass servers will be selected and recognized by the Serra Club with a Server Award ceremony in Norfolk. In an effort to grow and engage our parishioners in the liturgies, we will have the gift bearers also serve as greeters at Mass. A letter will go out to all current gift bearers explaining the change, which will happen with our next liturgical ministry schedule, which begins April 4/5. By combining these roles, the gift bearers will be easily identifiable when they wear the greeter name tags, which helps our ushers out immensely. EMHCs have been instructed to position themselves at each doorway from the Narthex to the Nave, rather than congregating in a group at the center entrance. Greeters will be at the front door opening and greeting the parishioners as they enter

Cheryl Rambour (Catechesis) – RCIA has six coming into the Catholic church. They are attending the Rite of Election on Sunday March 1st in Omaha. Cheryl has added the Hispanic FFF, and JPC with Antulio DeLeon as part of her catechesis responsibilities. JPC has tentatively twelve. St. Bonaventure Church requires specific guidelines for those being confirmed. There will be some delayed from being confirmed in JPC as they are not committed to these guidelines. We cannot just sacra mentalize people. There needs to be a growth in a relationship with Jesus and a Catholic culture in the home. The National Evangelization Team Ministries (NET) tri-parish retreat will be fall 2021.

Kim Arlt (Administration/Finance) – The Cemetery committee is considering purchasing the land east of the St. Bonaventure Cemetery which could increase the cemetery by eight hundred plots. The parish is preparing for the annual budget in March. The parish is well prepared for the parish review audit April 28-29. Kim asked if there will be a Parish Festival this year. Discussion and ideas for parish gatherings followed. With the 2020 Project still in progress, the festival will resume in 2021. The plan is for a ribbon cutting ceremony August/September for Project 2020.

Theresa Ingram (LOL) - We had a very informative program given by Becky Zanardi on the Holocaust. The Co-Vice presidents Sharon Swanson and Diane Schneider were inducted as Co-Presidents. Co-Vice Presidents have been found. Since the attendance was slim, no action was discussed for possibly going to quarterly meetings. Fr. Mike's 15th Ordination anniversary is in early June. Plans are being made through Theresa Gabriel for cake and punch after all weekend Masses the first weekend in June. Next officers meeting will be Monday, February 17 and the large meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Linda Levos for Belinda Keiter (Evangelization and Community Building) - Spirits on Fire: Since our last PPC meeting, we have had two "Spirits on Fire" nights. Next Spirits on Fire is in March. I have sent dates for March, April and May 2 out to speakers, am waiting for them to get back with me. **Discovering Christ:** This series ended on November 4. There were 62 people who completed the series. The small groups were set up in age categories. People requested that we keep doing this type of series that they felt like they grew in their faith, in their relationship with Christ and the small group table discussions were positively received. **Following Christ:** This is the 2nd part of the Christ Life series and will begin on Monday, March 2. **Men of God:** Meets on Thursday mornings and started back with another thirteen-week session on January 9. There are 35-40 men, from all three parishes who come each Thursday morning. **Banding God's Men** meets on Thursday evenings, and started back up January 23 and will end on April 2. 19 men, from all three parishes, are signed up. **Tri-Parish Mission:** Our Tri-Parish Mission was a great event! 700-750 people were there every night of the four-night event. Deacon Ralph Poyo's presentations were engaging and powerful. **Lenten Small Groups:** We have established six women's groups; one couples group, and one men's group. **March for Life Pilgrimage** to Washington DC: Thirty-nine students and nine

adults went on this pilgrimage. They will be speaking at the Ladies of the Lord on March 16 and have invited other groups to join this meeting to hear about their experiences. **Chris Stefanick “Reboot”:** This is a one-night event that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020 and will be held at Scotus. Chris Stefanick is the founder of “Real Life Catholic” is seen on EWTN and heard on Catholic Radio. **Welcoming Committee/Mercy Committee:** The Sunday, November 10 “Root Beer Float” Welcome event was a great success. There were 150 people who stayed, had Root Beer floats and welcomed the 10 new families who attended. **Mercy Outreach:** This is ongoing ministry that delivers paper products to families from the parish who have a death in the family. This is a beautiful outreach as it gives members a chance to perform a Corporal Work of Mercy while also showing the bereaving family that their parish is thinking and praying for them.

Linda Levos for Stephanie Johnson (Justice and Charity) – St. Vincent de Paul Conference: The SVdP conference has made huge strides since submitting the September insert in the bulletin. We currently have a new president, Lynette Klug, and new treasurers, Joe and Stacy Chohon. We have grown from three members to 17 members. Letting the previous three members (Mary Peterson, Bob and Jane Kobza) officially “retire” from their very long and appreciated commitment to this ministry. Bob and Jane have been such a huge support in helping us getting our feet wet and making the transition for all of us very comfortable by their continued support during SVdP meetings and mentoring all of us through home visits. I want to give a special thanks to Bonnie McPhillips and Judy Puetz who are from the St. Isidore and St. Anthony SVdP conferences for their help and taking the time to come to our first couple meetings to answer numerous questions. **St. Bons Teams:** Team 1- Joe & Stacy Chohon, Theresa Gabriel, Mary Hall, Kathy Kresha Team 2-Michaela Kuta & Steph Johnson, Annette Hellbusch, Lynette Klug, Milton Zadina, Team 3- Mike & Diane Schneider, John & Dana Ritzdorf, Team 4- Jill Spale, Angie Aerts, Mark Massman. **Giving Tree:** Through the generosity of the Catholic Tri-Parishes and community members the Holiday Spirit Inc. was able to help 1,294 children or one of the 38 elderly or disabled to have a Merry Christmas. **Church Cleaning:** Starting in December, cleaning crews moved back to cleaning the church on Saturday mornings only due to the church still being a construction site Monday-Friday. A new schedule will be sent out soon with cleaning crews returning to their normal Friday/Saturday schedule beginning in June.

Fr. Mike (Hispanic Ministry) - With the leaving of Rocio Adame, the Hispanic parish leadership team met to assess the needs of the ministry. This team is taking on the responsibilities with the help of Fr. Jairo on Monday afternoons for sacramental work and counseling, Jorge Torres helps with translation along with a number of other parish translators. Cheryl Rambour has been using Flock Note translator for communication with FFF families.

Project 2020 – Dennis Grennan reported on Project 2020 progress. The Steering Committee meets every two weeks with the contractors and BCDM. The committee has done a good job of communicating progress of the project. Pictures that Fr. Mike sends out on Facebook has had positive response. May 1st is the tentative date for opening up weekly. Adoration will remain at the Scotus Chapel. Concrete work for additional parking will begin as the weather improves. The north stained-glass windows will be installed when the parish center is complete. The south side windows and alter windows will be installed by May.

Fr. Mike Swanton (Pastoral Report) - In May the Archdiocese of Omaha is interviewing men for the deaconate position. It is a four-year program and must be under the age of 55. Fr. Mike is asking PPC members to pray and consider good candidates from our parish. All three parish grade school boards along with Scotus President Jeff Ohnoutka have been meeting to assess the needs of their facilities. There has been great collaboration between the three principals on how to address future needs.

Closing Prayer: Dianne Keiter

Next Meeting: May 14 12:00 St. Bonaventure LCR

Meeting adjourned: 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Levos, PPC Secretary