

SS Edward and Lucy Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

August 25, 2016 @ St. Edward

Members present : Fr. John Burkley, Mike Hanish, Mike Hollowell, Donna Kolesar, Jacque Soltis, Yvonne Tetzlaff, Scott Wojtasik, Bernadette Bogdas, Ann Halstead and Jan Helt (Secretary). Others present Sharon Mathies, our Youth Ministry Director

Members not present : Joan Spangler, Kathleen Hyden and Nick and Fran Frank.

Staff present: Karen Thrasher and Sister Rosemary.

Father John opened the meeting with the Gospel reading. Reflection followed.

Father John had Sister Rosemary Janezic introduce herself to council members. Sister stated that she was a teacher before becoming DRE for St. Peter Church in Lorain. Sister was a DRE at St Peter for 17 years. Sister Rosemary said that she decided to semi-retire and wanted a part-time job. Sister said she has moved back to the Notre Dame Mother House in Chardon. She will be commuting to St. Edward. She stated everyone has been wonderful to her, especially Father John and Karen T. Sister said that Karen T. is a computer whiz. Karen is working on getting me set up with a laptop and a desktop computer. Sister said that she has been going through all the folders and computer files and trying to see where we are at in the Generations of Faith program. She said that she has a teacher meeting set up on Saturday August 27, 2016. Sister will also be having a parent meeting for the communion and confirmation classes soon. Sister said that we do have handbooks for parents for Communion, Confirmation and GOF. She will be going through all the programs this year and determining how everything works. Then she can decide if we need to make changes. Sister Rosemary stated she is very happy to be here and she feels very welcomed by Karen and Father John. Sister stated she has to get used to our country roads, horse and buggies and no street lights.

REVIEW OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES: Ann H motioned to accept minutes as read, seconded by Jacque S.

PRO-LIFE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: There was a discussion about going to the Life Chain in Garrettsville on Sunday October 2. Father John said he would like to arrange to have transportation available for the students to get them to the Garrettsville for the Life Chain. Mike Hollowell stated the September 2, we have the Rosary for Life at St Andrews Benedictine Abby. There is also a National Day of Remembrance for aborted children on Saturday September 10. On October 21 there is a Mass for Respect Life month in Berea. Also in September we put up the prolife crosses on the lawn at both churches, so the youth of our parish can participate in that project. There is a movie coming out called "Voiceless" regarding pro-life which premieres on October 7. Karen T stated she received an e-mail about purchasing tickets. Karen T stated that the Life Chain will be in the bulletin next week and the week after. Also Karen T. stated that Kathleen got the name and number of the person at St Ambrose who is in charge of the youth pro-life group if we want to get together with St. Ambrose. Sharon M. stated she felt that the youth group could be involved in some of these events. Mike Hollowell felt that the priority should be 1.) start with putting up the crosses , 2.) attend the Life Chain in Garrettsville and 3.) attend the movie, "Voiceless". Father said that we need to stop talking and schedule these thing and make it happen. Mike Hollowell stated we should bring it up at Generations of Faith also. Mike Hanish said that he felt that we need to teach and talk to the students about what the Catholic Church believes regarding these important issues. This needs to be a priority with our kids. Karen T. suggested that we should have a prayer service with the kids before putting up the crosses.

Sharon has a mini retreat on Sunday with the Youth Group. Sharon will be able to discuss some of the events at this retreat. Sharon M. explained in detail what her plans are for the Sunday mini-retreat. She said that she plans to ask the students what they want to do. Sharon said there is also a program called "Relentless" being held at the Cleveland Catholic Youth Conference on December 3. Sharon wants to introduce the students to this program. Sharon has a plan and is hoping to bring our students forward in their religious beliefs. Father asked Sharon if she accessed "FORMED" yet. Sharon said she did but she did not like the Youth Ministry program,

but she planned to review it further. Karen T. said that the youth may enjoy it because it has an App and the youth could access it from their smartphones. Kids love technology. We may be missing an opportunity to reach them on their level. Karen T. said Father John felt that "FORMED" was a good resource for all ages so we should look into it. Sharon M stated that our youth are missing out on socialization skills and actually talking to one another. Perhaps we can we can come up with a happy medium; a little of both worlds.

Sharon said that Karen Morrow and Joe Tucholski have agreed to be adult leaders with the Youth Group. Dawn Ball will co-chair the Youth Group Ministry with Sharon and Vanessa Tucholski will be working with the Jr. Youth Group (grade 6-8th grade). The hope is to have a weekly meeting on Sundays at St. Lucy with the Youth Group.

Mike Hollowell stated we need to focus more on teaching the catechism to our students on critical issues such as chastity, living together, same sex relationships, contraception and marriage etc. so they know who they are as Catholic Christians. All of these topics should be on "FORMED". You can set up the lesson plan for your students. Then you can discuss it further in the classroom. They need to be aware that they cannot just go to any web site for the answers that they are looking for. It needs to be an approved Catholic website.

GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR BOOTH: Karen T. stated she needs 6 more people to sign up for our booth at the fair. Father John said that SS. Edward and Lucy have to man the booth for 2 days because Holy Angels does not participate any longer. SS. Edward and Lucy are responsible for booth setup and tear down and man the booth on Thursday and Monday of the fair. Sharon said that is a possibility she can get some students to help.

CAR SHOW/CHICKEN DINNER STATS: Karen T stated the Chicken Dinner and Car Showr was very successful this year. We sold 571 dinners. We purchased supplies and cooked for 600 people. Profit was just shy of \$21,000 this year which was an increase of approximately \$3200 from the 2015 dinner. Our parishioners won most of the larger raffle prizes, which was nice to see. It is a long day for everyone and very successful. Father John commented how many people complimented the volunteers throughout the day. Father John said that they said that everyone was so welcoming and that the volunteers all seemed to work together as a team. This year was not without it challenges as Marcia Mikolaj ended up in the hospital with kidney stones and Chris Bodnar's father took ill. Marcia and Chris were the head coordinators of the kitchen. Karen said we were grateful that Sharon Mathies was willing to step in and coordinate the kitchen. We also had a problem with the large refrigerator which froze our 150 lbs. of cabbage. Not to mention, the weather forecast which was 90% chance of rain. Through prayer and the Graces of God, all of these situations were resolved. We had the most perfect day yet!

PARISH PRO-LIFE STATEMENT: Karen explained that this statement was the article that Nick and Father John worked on in the spring that was supposed to be published in the Middlefield Post. We will have to ask Nick Frank about why it has not been published yet. Karen said that it was written and edited, but never went in the paper.

STEWARDSHIP: Karen T. said there was not a Stewardship Sunday Weekend on the church calendar as of yet. Generally we have Stewardship Sunday in September or October. There was a discussion regarding how to approach stewardship this year. Mike Hanish and Mike Hollowell felt that it was too late to plan anything more than handing out the stewardship forms if we are going to have the weekend in September. Stewardship Sunday in the diocese is either September the 11, but that is our first GOF session. Do we really want to do it the same weekend? We need someone to volunteer to organize . No one from parish council volunteered. Mike stated again that we should just had pass out the forms at mass. Council agreed to hold Stewardship Sunday on September 17 and 18. (Father John had to excuse himself early from the meeting and was not aware of the discussion to have Stewardship Sunday in September)

MEN'S RENEWAL: Scott W. said only two people showed up for the first meeting. Scott said that he felt that he doesn't think getting a Men's Renewal team together will work out. Scott felt that we should encourage any men parishioners to attend the Men's Renewal at St. Joseph in Mantua. Mile Hanish said that maybe a one day retreat would be better at our church. It has worked in the past. Mike will ask Deacon Greg if he would be willing to be the spiritual director for one more Day of Reflection before he retires.

PARISH HAVING FUN: We will have a wine and cheese event on September 30 at L'aleure Winery again

this year. Karen said that she is not sure about what events are planned for next year. Karen said that she emailed Michelle Bruno who has hosted the majority of the events this past year and Michelle said that unless she gets some volunteers, she is not sure that she will continue on with these events.

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION: The Ministry of Consolation will be hosting their annual luncheon on Saturday, September 17 at St. Lucy for people who have lost family within the last year. They also invite the widow and widowers from the parish. This year' theme is a patriotic one. The speaker (Lucille's husband) will give a presentation about past presidents.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

1. GOF update
2. Election cycle for PPC for October
3. Youth Group update/Pro-life
4. Men's Day of Reflection
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Mike Hanish motioned to adjourn and Donna K seconded.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 22, 7:00pm at St. Lucy

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Helt, Secretary