

SS Edward and Lucy Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

October 20, 2016 @ St. Edward

Members present: Fr. John Burkley, Mike Hollowell, Donna Kolesar, Jacque Soltis, Nick and Fran Frank, Bernadette Bodgas-Guy, Ann Halstead, Yvonne Tetzlaff, Joan Spangler and Jan Helt (Secretary).

Others present Sharon Mathies.

Members not present: Scott Wojtasik, Mike Hanish and Kathleen Hyden.

Staff present: Karen Thrasher * Sister Rosemary was not present

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

Review of September Meeting Minutes: Jacque Soltis motioned to accept minutes as read, seconded by Ann Halstead.

G.O.F. UPDATE: Sister Rosemary was not present but she did prepare a report containing information regarding GOF, Sacramental Classes and information on the Diocesan Policy and Standards of Conduct for the Safety and Protection of Children. Karen Thrasher handed out the report. Karen stated that Sister Rosemary is very persistent in getting her job done. She follows through and calls everyone who does not show up for GOF classes.

PPC ELECTION: Karen Thrasher stated there are 66 parishioners nominated and so far 4 parishioners have agreed to be on the ballot. Fran and Nick Frank compiled the nomination ballots and letters were sent to everyone that was nominated. Karen stated that the letters sent out this year ask the nominee to call the office either way; yea or nay. Jan Helt will call everyone on the list that do not respond. Mike Hanish, Yvonne Tetzlaff, Ann Halstead, Kathleen Hyden and Scott Wojtasik are the members whose term limits are up. The newly elected members will be invited to attend the PPC meeting in November. The newly elected members will be oriented by observing the PPC meeting, by studying the by-laws and other relevant documents, and by directing any questions to PPC members.

PARISH PRO-LIFE: Mike Hollowell stated that about 7 or 8 parishioners showed up at the Garrettsville Pro-Life march on October 2. Mike carried a pro-life banner. Father John said they did get some attention because a few cars honked their horns. Mike said for some reason St. Ambrose didn't announce it this year. Father John said no other parishes attended, perhaps 1 person. Father said that he felt at least we stood up for pro-life.

Karen passed out the Pro-Life article that was in the Middlefield Post on October 6. Father John and Nick Frank got together in the spring to compose the article. The title was "Forty three years later....". It was a ¼ page color article and it states our Catholic beliefs on abortion.

MEN'S RENEWAL VS MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: Mike Hanish suggested at the last meeting that March 11, 2017 would be a good day for the Men's day of reflection. He was supposed to talk to Deacon Greg about leading it. Nick F said he thought it might work to have a one day reflection and to have it during lent.

PARISH HAVING FUN: Father John stated that everyone who attended had fun at the corn Maze event. There were only a few people there, but they all had a good time in the barn as well. Jacque said they were in the corn maze for 2 hours looking for all the different points where you have to punch your card. Jacque said that she found all but two.

There were 42 people at the winery event which was twice the attendance from last year. It was all inside because it was cold and rainy that night, but Father John said it was very nice. Father Jay and Deacon Will were there because the owner Rich Hill belongs to St. Helens church. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Plans for the November event are set. It will be on Sunday, November 6. Parishioners attending will be making ornaments for the nursing home residents.

The coordinators of the Parish Having Fun Group have programmed several things throughout the year. Father John said he will call Bob Dirda about setting up the date for the parish picnic at Mariapoch for July 2017.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE: Sharon M. said that the Fall Family Fun Day is going to be held at St. Lucy on October 30, 4-6pm. The students are having fun getting things together. Sharon said they are planning on having a hay ride, cake walk and costume contest. It mimics the Harvest festival that used to be held at our parish. Sharon said that they want to make stone soup just like we had at our original event and she wanted to know if anyone knew the man that made it or how to make it. Nick Frank said there is a recipe for it out there somewhere. You can pull it up on the internet. Nick said you need a quartz stone TO MAKE THE SOUP. IT NEEDS TO BE ABOUT 5 POUNDS.

Sharon said that the information is in the bulletin. We will also be doing crafts. Father stated maybe we should pass out free ice cream tickets. That might get the kids there. Sharon said that the planning team talked about pie in the face and apple bobbing and maybe some cookie decorating. One student felt there would be a sanitary issue. Father voiced his concern regarding getting the word out to the parish families so they can attend. Yvonne suggested Sharon email her the flyer and she would print it at her workplace. Then Sharon could pass out the flyers like invitations at the masses this weekend. Yvonne said she could put it on orange paper and make it look real nice. Sharon said that Vanessa and Joe Tucholski will be pulling the hay wagon.

Sharon said that they also discussed leaf raking on Saturday, November 5. She was hopeful that she could get enough students and parents to help. Nick said you need to send out notices to see who wants to have it done. You cannot just show up at a person's house.

General Discussion: Father John said there is a workshop hosted by the Diocese of Cleveland on pornography tailored made for age groups. It is also free, so it would not cost anything for the students and their parents to attend. Father John felt it is important for them to hear this presentation about the internet, etc. Junior High is a little late for this since the kids have already been exposed to so much by then. Father will find out the date and locations. Father feels strongly that we need to attend this presentation. It is something we need to expose our students to. The closest one is in Wickliffe on December 15. We could be sure to give out the flyer to the 1st and 2nd year Confirmation Classes. We could also email it to all our GOF families.

Father John passed out a copy of the Parish Pastoral By-Laws for each member to review. We will discuss them at the November meeting.

Agenda items for November Meeting:

1. GOF update
2. Election cycle for PPC
3. Parish Pastoral Council By-laws
4. Food/Distribution/Thanksgiving
5. Youth Group
6. Men's day of reflection

Adjournment and closing Prayer: Nick Frank motioned to adjourn and Yvonne T. seconded.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 17, 7:00pm at St. Lucy

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Helt, Secretary