

St. Edward and St. Lucy Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
Thursday December 28, 2017

Members present: Fr. John Burkley, Jacque Soltis, Sharon Mathies, Cliff Evans, and Jan Helt. (Secretary)

Members not present: Sharon Seliskar and Norm Nowakowski, Bernadette Bogdas-Guy, Donna Kolesar, Lou Bodnar, Marge Petras, Bill Scicolone, and Dennis Szymanski, and Erin Shirkey.

Others present: Jo-Ann Sopjack

Father opened meeting with Prayers and reflection.

Review of November minutes: Sharon M motioned to approve minutes and Cliff E. seconded.

LIFE TEEN: Father John stated that he has no idea what is going on with Life Teen. Nothing seems to be happening. Father again mentioned that it would be great to start a bible study class at Cardinal High which Theresa Z from St Helens suggested. Father said that he didn't think Sister Rosemary would be interested in doing something like that.

G.O.F. UPDATE: Sister sent in an update for GOF again. Everyone went over the update. (see attached)

PARISH HAVING FUN TOGETHER: Father John reminded everyone that the next event which is a chili cook-off would be on January 7th after the 10:30 mass at St. Lucy. Father encouraged everyone to come and enjoy the different chili dishes.

YOUTH GROUP DISCUSSION: Erin Shirkey nor Lou Bodnar were not present at this meeting to give an update. Tabled until the February meeting.

PARISH LIFE SURVEY: Father John said that the subcommittee (Lou Bodnar, Bernadette Bogdas-Guy & Dennis Szymanski) they met once already. The committee will be meeting again on January 4th. More information to follow.

APPRECIATION DINNER: No update regarding this topic as no one present to report.

ELECTIONS: Elections are tabled for this month because we do not have enough members present to vote. Jacque stated that the person who decides to take the chairman position has to make sure they are here for the meetings. Over the last few months, we have had an attendance problem. It really holds things up when members do not come to the meetings. Jan H stated that we can't accomplish much of anything when parish council members are not present. We only have 3 members out of 12 present today. We do not even have a quorum to vote on anything. Jacque suggested maybe we need to send a reminder to everyone. Jan stated they get a reminder when she sends the minutes. Jacque said that she will send out a reminder for the next meeting about a week ahead.

FEED BACK FROM CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AT MASS AND PASSING OUT CD'S AND BOOKS. Father John said they ran out of books at St. Lucy so he felt it went well. Father stated they passed out a lot of CD's also. But once again, parish council members were not always present at the doors to greet.

Father John said that we received Pope Francis books from the Middlefield Library that were delivered by accident to them. They were going to throw them out. JoAnn Bugajski saved them and gave them to Father. The Matthew Kelly books and CD's that we passed out were from the collection that was sent to Mike Hollowell's home monthly for distribution in our parish. The Matthew Kelly Corporation supplies our parish with approximately 50 FREE books or CDs each month. The idea is for our parish to get them into the hands of our parishioners and beyond.

LAVENDAR SPRING SPA GET AWAY: Jacque S reminded everyone about the Lavender Spring Spa Get Away. The date is set for Saturday, January 20 at St. Lucy. Jan H stated that it would interesting and fun everyone should join us.

MASS ATTENDANCE FIGURES: Father John said that weekend mass attendance in 2001 was at St Lucy is 273, St. Edward 347 and St Helen 1473. In 2014, mass attendance was 207 at St. Lucy, 260 at St. Edward and 1266 at St. Helen.

Father John will be out of town on January 25, so **our next meeting will be on February 1st. 2018 at St. Lucy downstairs.**

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

G.O.F.

Youth Group

Parish Life survey

Appreciation dinner

Elections

Catholic Charities Appeal Weekend

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7pm at St Lucy.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jan Helt, Secretary

Jan's comments- It would be great if in the future when any parish council member can't attend the meeting, they should let the chairperson know ahead of time. That way, if we do not have enough members to meet, the meeting can be re-scheduled.