

SS Edward and Lucy Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

January 26, 2017 at St. Lucy

Members present: Fr. John Burkley, Nick and Fran Frank, Jacque Soltis, Bernadette Guy, Erin Shirkey, Sharon Mathies, Lou Bodnar, Joan Spangler, Marge Petras, Lynn Davet and Jan Helt (Secretary).

Members not present: Cliff Evans and Donna Kolesar

Staff present: Karen Thrasher **Staff not present:** Sister Rosemary

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

Review of November Meeting Minutes: (December meeting cancelled due to snowstorm)

Fran Frank stated minutes stand approved as printed.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH update: We received a written update from Sister Rosemary. On Sunday January 15, GOF was held at St. Lucy. The theme this month was Marriage and the pot luck theme was Breakfast Food. Parents were asked to attend Mass at 10:30am where four children celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism. Father Burkley took the adults for a session on Marriage and a bit Ordination. The Woman's Renewal group helped with set-up and clean-up. First Reconciliation for 10 children and families was held on January 21 at 11:00 a.m. at St Edward. Extra Confirmation and Communion classes are being held for the Confirmation Candidates and Communicants. These classes begin at St Lucy on January 29 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. followed by the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Lucy Church. First Communion Enrollment will be celebrated with the communicants and families at this Mass also.

Sister Rosemary attended the (PCL) Parish Catechetical Leaders meeting at St. Michael Woodside in Broadview heights for a session on Lesson Planning, Crafting Engaging lessons that reach the Head and Heart. Sister stated the speaker Amy Roberts from Franciscan University of Steubenville was excellent.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The Appeal weekend is February 11 & 12. Father John said that he will be on vacation when the meetings were being held so he will be unable to attend. Nick Frank said he would attend the Catholic Charities meeting at St. Noel. Father said the goal for St Lucy is \$19,800 and St Edward is \$12,200. Father is hoping for more families to participate in this appeal this year. Less than 100 families have pledged the last few years and it would be nice if additional families help in his goal.

ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE: The annual Men's Day Conference will be held on March 25 this year in Independence at the Holiday Inn. Deacon Greg will be announcing it this weekend at all the masses. St. Joseph's in Mantua is inviting the men of our parish to attend their Men's Renewal Weekend on February 18. Scott Wojtasik is on the team and is encouraging men from our parish to attend.

PARISH HAVING FUN: The last event was a Chili cook-off. Proceeds of \$69.00 was donated to the Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Program (CETAP). Theresa Shively won for the best Chili. On Saturday, February 18, the plan is to go sledding at Punderson if there is snow. March is going to be Candy Bingo, April is a Bike and hike, May will be kickball, June is a yard game competition and July will be the Parish picnic at Mariapoch.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE: Sharon Mathies said she did not have much to update. She had 2 students show up at the last meeting. Sharon feels that the youth of our parish do not seem to want to be involved. She stated she has tried very hard and does not know what else to do. There is only a few who show up for anything planned. She stated she needs some help or suggestions on what to do going forward. She stated she does not know what is happening.

APPRECIATION DINNER: Bernadette, Lou and Cliff met in December and discussed plans for a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. Bernadette said they have decided to host a wine and cheese reception at St. Lucy. It was originally scheduled for after a 10:30am mass, but Father John felt that a Wine and Cheese reception is better hosted in the evening. So it was decided to change the time to a Saturday evening after the 6:30pm Mass. The plan is to have some activities for kids. They are still discussing what to pass out to the volunteers; perhaps some of the left over mugs and a candy bar to everyone attending! They would like to put a flyer in the bulletin inviting the volunteers and perhaps recognize volunteers at the masses that weekend. The Wine and Cheese Reception will be after the 6:30pm Mass at St Lucy on March 25, 2017 at 7:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: Father John stated that someone from the Catholic Community Foundation is willing to come out to a Parish Council Meeting and present opportunities for reaching out to the parishioners regarding raising funds for the parish. Father John felt that we already did the Rooted in Faith fund drive 5 years ago. He felt that we as a parish were not ready to undertake another fund drive. It would be up to our Finance Committee to decide when is appropriate for another drive.

PPC OFFICER ELECTIONS: The December meeting is normally the time to elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson for our PPC. The December meeting was canceled, so we need to elect 2 people today. Nick Frank nominated Jacquie Soltis as chairperson. Jacquie was co-chair last year and filled in for Fran when she was not able to attend the meeting. A vote by show of hands was held. The vote for Jacquie was unanimous. Jacquie Soltis will be our Chairperson for 2017. Nick Frank nominated Erin Shirkey for Vice-chairperson. Erin accepted the nomination. Another show of hands was held. The vote for Erin was unanimous. Erin Shirkey is our Vice Chairperson. Thank you ladies for agreeing to take on this responsibility. We appreciate you.

LENTEN PROGRAM (Living the Eucharist): Father John said he would talk to Mel Joyce to see if she would organize it again this year. Mel had said upon resigning as DRE that she was willing to organize this program. Joan Spangler spoke up and said she would be willing to host the program in her home again this year. Joan said that everyone loved it and she had a great group who attended. Joan Spangler stated she felt it was a worthwhile program. Joan said that she had the same people attend her session for the last 2 years.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND-DURING LENT OR SEPTEMBER: When do we want to hold it? The discussion was whether to host Stewardship Signup during Lent or wait until September. Maybe we should have it in September because there is so much going on in March. Fran Frank said that everyone needs to be called when they sign up. Generations of Faith is being held on September 10. Erin felt that we should have it that weekend. Donna Kolesar said a lot of people do not know what Stewardship is all about. Bernadette suggested we could have a list of all the Stewardship opportunities available at the Wine and Cheese Reception so everyone can see what we have to offer. Karen asked for a handful of people who would help plan that

weekend drive. Lynn Davet, Bernadette Bodas-Guy, and Jan Helt volunteered to help work on Stewardship weekend.

EAST GEAUGA KIWANIS: Nick Frank said that the Kiwanis club puts on a Fish Fry about 5 or 6 times a year. At this point in time, the Middlefield Fire Department (where they have their Fish Frys now) is talking of converting the upstairs area into living space for the fire Department employees. The Kiwanis Club is looking for a place to hold their Fish Frys. Nick and Father John have been discussing the possibility of the Kiwanis Club having the Fish Frys at St. Lucy. Nick said that the Kiwanis Club would bring in a professional architect to scope out the church kitchen to decide where would be the best place to put these 3 large fryers. Nick said that it looks as if an extensive kitchen update would be necessary to accommodate the deep fryers necessary to host their Fish Frys. Since the Kiwanis Club could be investing approximately \$20,000 or more in the kitchen to accommodate the fryers, Nick said that St. Lucy Church would have to agree to a **LIFE-TIME CONTRACT** for the Kiwanis Club to hold their Fish Fry events at St. Lucy. Fran said that the church groups would be able to use the equipment also and that the CETAP program could benefit from hosting a Fish Fry. Nick said he does all the cooking for Kiwanis Fish Frys, so he would be able to show everyone how to do a Fish Fry. Nick stated the dates for Fish Frys are set-up a year ahead of time so we would know well in advance when the Kiwanis club would need our kitchen. Both Nick and Fran said that because the Kiwanis members are all in the 70+ age bracket, they spend winter months in Florida so the Fish Frys are generally in late spring and early fall. The Kiwanis Club have not decided if they want to do this yet they and they are still checking out all their options. One option being they are held at the school or they have a mobile unit to hold their fryers. Nick said that he told the Kiwanis members that he would talk to our parish council to see if this is something we would want to do. Karen asked if this was really a decision for the parish council who deals with the spiritual aspect of the parish or if this was a finance council decision as that the finance council deals with the financial and building and grounds aspect of the parish. Nick said he felt it was a parish council decision. Father John stated he feels it would be good PR for our church. He said we did that for Weight Watchers when they were thrown out of their previous facility. Karen stated that St. Lucy church would have to have routine county health inspections for a facility like that. Nick said they do it all the time. They never have a problem. He said the church would just be leasing out the building to them for their Fish Fry. Kiwanis said they would help to show others how to do a fish fry. The Kiwanis serves anywhere from 250 to 400 dinners at each Fish Fry and they make anywhere from \$1000-\$1700. Fran said everyone loves their Fish Fry and that they get a lot of repeat customers. Nick said that the equipment would belong to the church with the stipulation that Kiwanis can use the facility anytime they decide to host a Fish Fry. Nick and Fran said that they schedule the events a year in advance so there should be no problem with a conflict of church activities since the Fish Frys would be on the calendar a year in advance. Although Nick did say that the Kiwanis may be out for this year at the fire department. They are still not sure yet exactly when all of this will take place. Nick said he was hoping not until October 2017. Nick said he would present this to the Financial Council if the Kiwanis decided on our facility. Nick originally said they would pay \$250.00 rental fee for each fish fry to use the facility. Then Nick said it may be only around a \$100.00 each rental until they pay off the equipment for the kitchen. Karen T. stated that the State of Ohio consideration fee in the year 2013 to host a Bingo session was \$600 a session. Karen reminded everyone that you have a lot of wear and tear on the building, floors, bathrooms, tables, chairs etc. Jan asked about fire and liability rates on insurance for the facility. Wouldn't there be a difference? Nick said no the way. The Diocese of Cleveland Insurance rate would not change. Nick said that the Kiwanis Club would come in with an Ansul System that would actually make our kitchen safer. Nick said that we will talk more about this later as

the Kiwanis Club has not decided what they are going to do. If the Kiwanis Club does decide on the St Lucy facility, Nick said he would talk to the finance committee.

PARISH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (Lou Bodnar): Lou wanted to know what the true goals and objectives were for our parish. How do you gauge and assess whether these goals and objectives are being met? What statistics or data is available to see whether what we are doing makes any difference or are we just spinning our wheels? Lou feels that we can't determine if what we are doing is right or wrong if we have no barometer to gauge our achievements. There are families who have left the parish! Are we growing as a parish? How do we know if we are growing? The pews seem empty. Where are the 25-30 year olds? How can we say that we are moving forward if we don't have the reports and data to back it up? Lou feels there are ways to monitor and review our progress. Father John read from the Diocese of Cleveland parish member tracking report showing that both churches have increased their membership from 10 years ago. Lou still challenges us as Parish Council members saying that we need to do more and we need to be able to show by data and report that we are carrying on the work of Christ. To be continued.....

Agenda items for February 22, Meeting at St. Edward

1. Appreciation Dinner
2. Lenten Program "Living the Eucharist"
3. Easter
4. Spring Clean Up
5. Update on Kiwanis Fish Frys
6. Stewardship Weekend