

Pastoral Council Minutes November 30, 2022

Attendance: Fr. Portelli, Terri Koehler, Bob Guzowski, Shannon Haines, Carleen Short, Marlene Moll

Opening Prayer: 4:02 led by Fr Portelli

Changes to Oct minutes:

Dec 9th social for Knights on 7th

Finance: CSA - change to CMA

Accept with corrections: motion by Carleen, second by Bob

Commission Reports:

Knights: (report from Fred) Dec 3rd food delivery for Good Samaritans, Dec 7th annual christmas dinner for knights/widows, Dec 13th delivering food baskets for Christian Service Angel Tree, Dec 15th will help with delivery and set up of Angel Tree distributions (will do "drive thru") - need to get with city to request barricades to set up

As a sexton - Fred requests signs (hard concrete prices needed) for cemetery - 10 by 15 steel signs with cemetery rules – current ones say "city of Harrison" on bottom - Terri suggested asking the DPW, Fred has talked with Dan Sullivan and Dan will get back to him.

Anna J Guild: (report from Terri) no report, however Marlene noted that cookie sales were sold out in two hours - Christmas party upcoming week - no meeting Jan, Feb or March.

Christian Service: (Terri and Beth)

Angel Tree - there has been a setback - one church has backed out, still have 48 angels left and it's getting close to the wire - add announcements to Mass - may make cash donation and we have angel shoppers that can make the purchases for us - Fr suggested possibly taking them to Sacred Heart as they have "cleaned out" their tree for the past several years but have to determine how to keep them separate - Terri will share that idea with Christine - Fred noted that there are also totes of toys available - those have been used in the past.

Right to Life - during October, table with literature and area for baby pantry donations was out in church narthex.

Trunk or Treat - lots of children came through - very well received including the table set up with literature and hot cocoa - recommend to continue next year

Harvest Dinner - put on calendar - earlier in Fall possibly.

Light Parade - Dec 10th in city of Harrison - we are signed up and have church trailer - we will have the real Christmas story as our display - looking for someone to pull - Bob will pull trailer - fairgrounds to city splash pad - line up at 5:00pm - Bob will pick up trailer by 4:30 to get to line up on time (evangelization event).

Would like to meet with Father and possibly have a lunch (instead of meeting time) - January 11th, – Wed - mass, holy hour, meeting.

St A's Assistance Program - Terri has sent some policies/procedures to Jill to review and comment/correct - Terri will then present to pastoral council.

Finance: (Bob)

Finance Committee met Oct 27th new business - rec'd parking lot bid repavement \$117,000 - will seek out new bid to reseal in the spring - entry sidewalk repairs needed - George and Hank are seeking bids on that

CMA - \$20,554 assessed with 25% participation - we are at \$9,758 pledged/paid which is 47% of goal

Please continue to send minutes to Jill and George (chair).

Faith Formation: (Beth)

Light Parade float both evangelization and faith formation event.

First Sunday of every month - faith formation Dec @ SHP and Jan @ STA - Bishop will be here in May to teach, Father Portelli teaching Jan 8th

Four boys preparing for sacraments in the spring (all are 8 years old)

Bible in a Year groups - both parishes

Chosen - well received - may offer Chosen at STA so that more people are able to do this

Catechism in a Year program - looking at that (Fr Mike Schmitz) - tandem with Bible in a Year groups?

Old Business:

Church Security: no Team, but Fr has spoken with Dan Smith and he is looking at dates for classes at STA and SHP - he will teach these classes - we should reconstitute the team - Bob met with Jerry Becker to review plan - asked George and Dan to join meeting and went over the overall plan that Kevin had put together but does not necessarily address current violent acts - locking doors, security cameras - Jerry offers services to work with churches and put together security teams

We should have at least one person to be the overseer - safety "czar" - active shooter, fire, medical - Fr will ask Dan if he would be this lead person for both parishes and then have one person at each parish that he works with/coordinates with - who could we identify from our parish? (Bob, George, Dan have met - would Dan maybe take that on as the other two have many responsibilities already) - Keep in mind who might be good for this

Security Cameras were installed - Fr would like to take someone from STA and SHP council to tour - there is an app (real link) so that you can view it on your phone - Fr. can ask Joanne to schedule a visit to determine if it makes sense and would be something we should install? Carleen volunteered to attend with Fr - installed locally from Mt Pleasant (Genysis?) Cheaper of two bids was better equipment.

Terri talked with John (Harrison Fire Dept.) re: training and he highly recommends all training - only cost is \$10 for card - he does not charge for his training (6-8 hours) John Caffery at SHP is an EMT and parishioner at SHP and he may be able and willing to do some training - discussion regarding training vs certification - what's most important - Terri will contact John Caffery also to see what he can provide/set up - basic AED training, First Aid/CPR? - look at January

CMA: - keep momentum, only 25% participation - how do we keep the momentum - we can replay the CD, call for speaker from diocese, thermometer is up but gets lost/becomes background quickly, Jill puts updates in bulletin, Fr can also talk about it more - we need to not let it drag into the next one - January 1st - another push so as not to interfere with Christmas - breakdown per family/envelope holder

Evangelization: - we are already doing a lot of this - Bob put an article in the paper (one time buy in Cleaver) - two different options for ads - Fr got an email from Jim Combs regarding the article - Knights willing to sponsor this weekly @ \$40 - is there an evangelization budget? Fr states that yes there is - we also have a small \$6 ad that we pay for - Fr has been talking with Angie Bennincasa and is willing to coordinate the program for both parishes - pew cards, mailings, phone calls, ads, paper placemats, etc - Welcome Home Ministry - we can do this at a

joint session on January 10th with SHP so Angie can talk to both councils at the same time - Terri reiterated the importance of a team to work with this - we also do the street fair, angel tree, good samaritans, trunk or treat, knights, we need to make sure that we take pictures, choir is going caroling to nursing homes soon - photos can be put into bulletin, on facebook page (get to Beth)

Greeters/Ushers: - Richard G has a list of 8-10 people who are interested - next steps? Fr. can meet with them to discuss procedures/expectations.

Nonprofit Annual Meeting recap: - last month - to make sure parish is running okay, not in debt, cash outlays in the future - gave training on groups - new norms on pastoral council (old ones from 2013) - Terri will work on revising them and bringing them up to date and will get them to us - also new guidelines for all commissions - when complete, send to diocese.

Welcome Wagon: - Terri is still looking for people that may be interested in this - what we do when we get a new parishioner - Fr states this is already in process - secretaries are working to do part of this, but it should become a ministry, not an addition to the secretaries current responsibilities

New Business:

Advent/Christmas: - reading material on table, little blue books, children's activities - parishioner gifts (books) have been given in the past, but have gotten away with that due to subscription to Formed (same price) - statistics on Formed show that it is not used much - may be too late to order books for this year, so will go with another year of Formed - may give another seminar session to help people get onto it - if people have a laptop, ipad, etc that they can bring, we could help them set it up so they can use it at home - reassess July/August - is there a third alternative if neither of these are being well received? Fr would like to give a copy of the Catechism but last look was \$10.

Bishop coming in May - May 7th - this is when he is teaching faith formation which could be followed by a parish luncheon

Next Meeting: January joint meeting with SHP January 10th at 6:20pm

Closing Prayer: 5:44 led by Fr Portelli

