

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Present: Mark Oldenburg, Zeljko Bajzer, Carol Stortz, Barb Schuh, Matt Klebe, Teresa Silker, Sally Burns

The meeting opened with reading and reflection on Sunday's Gospel.

New Business:

Council Membership: Matt Klebe was welcomed to the council.

Staffing Update: Angie Slattery has resigned effective at the end of this school year. Zach Rawson has agreed to take this position. His position is being advertised locally as well as at the following universities: Creighton, St. John's, St. Thomas and Marquette. Joyce Lehman will assume responsibilities as staff support for adult spiritual development and parish communications as well as the summer church camp and the Nativity Program. We will be accepting applications for a part-time position to coordinate Kingdom Kids.

Lenten Study Program: A YouTube presentation featuring Fr. Joe was presented at all Masses encouraging participation in this 6- week program. Fr. Don Schmitz will speak and lead discussion of The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything, by Fr. James Martin. Participants can attend either Sunday or Thursday night; child care is available. Books will be available at the first meeting for a free will offering.

Continuing Business:

Adult Spirituality development Commission: In addition to the identification of staff support, the commission has formed 3 subgroups: 1) Lenten Study Group 2) on-going programs (Bible Studies, DVD series "Catholicism", and a group for parishioners who are 55+) and 3) seasonal initiatives. The commission continues to meet and more information will be forthcoming.

Social Justice Update: 1) The retreat, co-sponsored with Holy Spirit, featured Marty Roers; it was an excellent presentation and he would be a possible speaker for a Pax Christi gathering in the future. 2) Discussion of Tattoos On The Heart will be Tuesday, February 25; 3) The committee is considering *water* as a topic for Earth Day this year.

Parish Member Update and Directory: There will be a change in software; a new vendor has been selected and the financial records will be installed this Spring; existing membership records will be moved during the second half of the year, with a new directory in August-September. We need to update contact informations and be able to use electronic messaging.

Seeds of Wisdom: no update

Open Forum

Vincent de Paul has been very busy this winter.

The Baptismal font bowl cannot be repaired but needs to be replaced.

Thank You Notes: Mark could not identify any but will contact Pete with any that surface.

The meeting concluded with a prayer closely related to the Gospel reading.

Next meeting: March 18.