

Church of the Divine Child Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
November 16, 2015

Present: Fr. Bilot, Fr. Kopson, Marti Biscaro, Tracey Boudreau, Frank Corak, Marylou Jansen, Jolanda Karson, Jodi Ann Micallef, Frank Neal, Tess Noonan, Marilyn O'Brien
Pamela Szpytman, Margy Van Houten, Tim Ciarelli, Ernie Bridgnanan
Excused: Steve Gibb

Meeting began at 7:00 pm with a prayer. September meeting minutes approved

Commission reports:

Education Commission report given by Tess Noonan and Marti Biscaro

- Travelling Chalice for Vocations sign up will now be on-line through Sign Up Genesis
- DC children from grades 1 and 2 will be going to American House Senior Living Facility to sing Christmas carols to the residents
- October 26 Catholic Faith Formation Night event with Fr. Urban was very well attended with many questions; possibly do this topic every fall because there is a great need
- Ed C is considering starting a book swap program where parishioners can bring their books on Catholic topics and/or take books free of charge. Fr. Bilot wants the commission to remember that the material must be evaluated and monitored to prevent improper material from being distributed. This remains a work in progress.
- New Ed C members are Tom Mitchell and Ellen Salter
- Refer to full written report for details.

Worship Commission report given Jodi Ann Micallef

- The relics brought into the church on the feast of All Saints Day was well received. Next year, will have trained attendants there to provide information on the relics and information about the saints
- Seventy-seven people remembered at the Mass of Remembrance on November 2
- Preparation for Advent and Christmas is underway
- Refer to full written report for details

Christian Service Commission given by Marylou Jansen

- Capuchin Coats and Caps donations are in progress
- The annual Christmas basket food drive and gift collection is being planned for December 12 and 13.
- The CSC runs the food drive, but there is no CSC person in charge of the gift collection. No one knows who coordinates this endeavor. This needs to be addressed within the CSC
- For next year, Fr. Bilot would like all the Christmas giving to be coordinated/consolidated under CSC, instead of multiple DC organizations running their own collections. Marylou will bring this up at CSC meeting in January

Communication Commission: report given by Marilyn O'Brien.

- The November "Meet and Greet" survey results reviewed. The participants enjoyed the event and many expressed interest in helping at future events.
- Reps-at-large were asked to call the new parishioners that attended to connect them with parish ministries/groups.
- There are several early submission deadlines for *The Infant*
- See full report for details.

Finance Commission: Report given by Fr. Bilot. The FC is reviewing all the various ways that parishioners give to the parish. People contribute to many parish organizations/funds. It is hoped to streamline this and eventually publish an annual giving report, not to necessarily show amount given, but that contributions are being made.

Reps-At-Large:

Tim Ciarelli Youth Rep asked if more games/activities like ping pong tables can be brought into the St. Teresa of Avila Youth Ministry room. Fr. Bilot would like Tim and other YM teens to work with Mrs. Brignanan on this.

Frank Neal inquired about the annual parish financial report in *The Infant*. Fr. Bilot stated the report would be published within the month.

Ernie Brignanan suggested a ministry fair to reach out to new people. He would look into a date during Lent. Also suggested another Q&A night similar to the Uncle Ray's June event. Fr. Bilot is willing, but we need a venue. Ernie will look into the Knight of Columbus Hall, get a couple of dates for January, and then confirm dates with Fr. Bilot and Fr. Kopson.

New Business

Christmas gift to those attending Christmas Mass:

Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly; cost is \$1 per copy plus shipping

Need volunteers to distribute this at all doors of the church - Tracey will coordinate.

Catholic Faith Formation Night: Dr Fastiggi from Sacred Heart Major Seminary will present on the topic of Christians and Muslims, Monday January 18, 7:00 pm.

Capitol Campaign update: Fr. Bilot reported that construction on the new athletic field will begin in Spring 2016

Next Parish Council meeting is Monday January 25, 7:00 pm

Meeting concluded at 8:25 pm with a prayer and blessing