

**Church of the Divine Child Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Divine Child High School Parish Conference Room
April 18, 2016**

Present:

Tracey Boudreau – Vice President

Reps at Large: Frank Corak, Jolanda Karson, Margy Van Houten, Pamela Szpytman and Ernie Bridgnanan

Tim Ciarelli – Youth Rep

Marylou Jansen – Christian Service

Marti Biscaro and Tess Noonan – Education

Jodi Ann Micallef – Worship

Marilyn O'Brien – Communication

Absent:

Rev. James Bilot – Pastor

Rev. John Kopson - Associate Pastor

Steve Gibb – President

Frank Neal – Rep at Large

Meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. with the "Prayer for my Parish" lead by Tracey Boudreau.

February meeting minutes approved by Margy Van Houten, Frank Corak, and Ernie Bridgnanan

COMMISSION REPORTS

Christian Service: Report provided by Marylou Jansen. The full report was submitted via email on 4/17/2016

1. DC's nursing home ministry volunteers were recently recognized and celebrated at a dinner
2. St. Pat's meal is scheduled for 6/4/2016. Marylou is hoping that ½ of the participants are from the committee and the other ½ from the parish. The information will be placed in the upcoming bulletin. Time commitment is from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. when the event is scheduled to end.
3. Awaiting word from Marc Sierra as to whether the DCHS Right to Life Club plans to sell flowers for Mother's Day.
4. Successful shoe drive by the American Heritage Girls, awaiting final count
5. Marylou and Frs. Bilot and Kopson have discussed new leadership for the Christian Service Commission. Potential candidates include Beth Stawasz Donovan and Andrea Fitzgerald.
6. Marilyn is exploring a DC PB&J ministry and spoke with a contact at OLG. Marylou mentioned that she has another contact, one of her high school students from Grosse Isle may be able to help start things up at DC.

Worship Commission: Report provided by Jodi Ann Micallef. The full report was submitted via email on 4/13/2016

1. The ministry breakfast was a huge success. 134 people attended setting a new record for attendance. Approximately \$195 was spent on food (approx. \$1.47 per person).
2. The Corpus Christi Procession will occur on 5/29/2016 after the 1 p.m.
3. Mass for homebound is taped at the studios of Fox 2 in Southfield and DC has been asked to provide 10-15 people for the taping on 5/21/2016 at 11:10 a.m. Rebecca Bridgnanan to seek out some youth volunteers.
4. New ministries to develop:
 - a. Funeral Home Ministry: Fr. Bilot would like to train individuals to be representatives of the parish to grieving families and lead rosaries or conduct a scripture service at funeral homes. Marilyn indicated that there is already a list of a few select people who step in to fill the role presently.
 - b. Ambassadors Ministry: New ministry that will place individuals in the gathering space to welcome and greet people coming in for Sunday Mass.
5. Pilgrimage to the Holy Door will be on 6/4/2016. The plan is to leave DC at 10 a.m. on that date. Jodi Ann is exploring potential lunch options including Sacred Heart Major Seminary.
6. The parish will host a International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on July 27, 2016 from 6 a.m. until Noon.
7. Parking Lot jam will occur on 8/13/16 from 7-10:30 p.m.

Education Commission: Report provided by Marti Biscaro and Tess Noonan. Full reports from the commission were submitted via email on 4/3/2016 and 4/15/2016

1. Evangelization committee of six parishes are working on a Facebook page and are using this as a means of communication to advertise events.
2. Traveling Silver Rose will be at St. Linus. The Traveling Rose honors Our Lady and encourages respect for life.
3. Discussion continues on a possible Q & A session. We are awaiting to acquire available dates from Frs. Bilot and Kopson. Summer event to be held at Uncle Rays bar. Our contact there is Jason.
4. Extra copies of Beautiful Mercy are available in the parish office.
5. Faith formation night on 4/25/16 will discuss Angels.
6. Commission would like to supply the book rack in gathering space with more lighthouse materials.
7. Synod dialogue session scheduled for the end of the month at DC. Opportunities available at other parishes in the area as well and are posted on the AOD website.

Communication Commission: Report provided by Marilyn O'Brien

1. Meet and Greet is scheduled for 5/16/2016 at 7 p.m. and 68 families have been invited to attend.
2. Invitations will be mailed out to those families and parish council will then make follow-up calls.
3. Volunteers were taken to bring food and beverages. Parish Council will arrive at 6:30 p.m.
4. Worship Commission asked to have representatives stationed at various spots in the church to answer questions new parishioners may have.

Finance/ Stewardship: No Report

REPRESENTATIVES AT LARGE

Frank Corak: Issue with vehicles driving too quickly and making quick turns at Nightingale and Herbert Weier Drive when school is letting out at 3 p.m. The situation is becoming increasingly dangerous and requires immediate attention. That issue was the cause of a parent altercation last week.

Frank is also giving a talk on Relics at Shrine in Royal Oak for the AOD's Council of Catholic Women on 8/13/2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Pamela Szpytman: Parishioners are requesting a Bible study. Pam was thinking that maybe we can ask a high-school theology teacher or another suitable person to lead the Bible study and possibly offer this individual a stipend.

Additionally, a parishioner has made a request for one "lively" hymn during mass. Another parishioner who is younger in age commented that there is "too much Latin" used at DC liturgies and has difficulty relating to the language.

Ernie Bridgnanan: All men of the parish must read "Into the Breach." A copy will be emailed to the entire council. This apostolic exhortation is authored by the Bishop of Phoenix and addresses the crisis of manhood and examines what it means to be a Catholic man.

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS

1. Mass schedule consolidation and time change survey will go out to the parish via email and bulletin this coming week. There will be an opportunity for parishioner comments to accompany submission of the survey. New schedule will begin in July.
2. Unanimous request for next and final meeting of the season to occur at Uncle Rays Sports Bar and Grill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with a closing prayer by Frank Corak.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Ernesto E. Bridgnanan