

Divine Child Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2015

The meeting began with Prayer 7:02 PM.

Those in attendance were: Fr. James Bilot, Steve Gibb, Marilyn O'Brien, Pam Szpytman, JodiAnn Micallef, Sherry Ossy, Frank Corak, Jolanda Karson, and Frank Neal, Margaret VanHouten

Minutes from the April 20, 2015 PPC meeting were reviewed and approved by Frank Corak and Frank Neal. No objections by the PC members.

Commission Reports

Christian Service –MaryLou reports there was no June Meeting and the May meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The group is getting dates together for their service projects next year. Christian service will always have 2 to 3 people counting and reviewing any monies collected. Money must be taken to the rectory following the event and should never be taken home with a member. Fr. Bilot reported that St. Patrick parish is closing soon.

Worship Committee- Lil Dominiak is stepping down as interim chair and JodiAnn Micallef will assume responsibility for this committee.

Education Committee- Jodi Ann Micallef reported that the first and second Christ Life Series has now been completed. Karen Mitchell is considering another day of the week for the next series which is scheduled for the Fall 2015. Attendance was down for the second series, and having the program on a Friday evening may have contributed to the lower attendance with better weather in the Spring and other activities. Youth ministry is going well. Fr. John is working with a group of young adults who are interested in forming an ID9-16 group. The parish offsite night out with our priests is scheduled for June 24, 2015 at Uncle Rays Bar. 1200 flyers were printed and available in church. Emails were also sent to parishioners asking each to invite someone who is no longer attending mass or anyone who has questions about their faith or those who may be interested in becoming Catholic. The venue was selected so that everyone attending would be comfortable and not feel pressured. The owner of Uncle Ray's is a DC parishioner and excited to host the event which is planned on the patio unless it rains. Both Fr. Bilot and Fr. John will attend and be available to answer questions. The Lighthouse CDs and book program continues to do well. \$1179 was spent to purchase books and CDs with \$1078 deposited and some inventory remaining. Books are selling faster than CDs.

Communication - Marilyn O'Brien reported that we received 7 surveys from the "Meet &Greet" on May 19, 2015 and all provided very positive feedback. Next year's even is planned for October 19, 2015 and April 18, 2015. Marilyn O'Brien will chair a hospitality committee next Fall. The members will volunteer to host coffee and donuts after select masses, as well support parish and rectory events.

Finance Committee – Fr. Bilot reported that work on next year’s budget is ongoing. The new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2015.

Reps at Large –Frank Neal suggests that our parish consider doing a “community service project”. Getting the parish involved in doing something outside our own community. The group discussed the many service projects our parish is involved including assisting parishes outside of Dearborn. Ideas for new opportunities are always welcomed. Frank also suggested evangelizing parents of students enrolled in DC schools. Let’s try to do more to get parents coming to mass. Fr. Bilot advised there is ongoing communications with the parents and children in school, and again any ideas for new ways to engage the families are always welcome.

New Business - None

Old Business - Steve Gibb reported that the Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession went very well, with approximately 210 people who participated. Frank asked if the men’s business group is still forming, and Fr. Bilot confirmed they were meeting on a small scale and are part of the Advancement office.

Meeting concluded with a prayer at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Sherry Ossy