

St. Gerald Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2016

Opening Prayer: Katie Digilio - Lectio Divina – Matthew 6:16-18

Members Present: Kathy Yochum, Mark Munchrath, Katie Digilio, Rich Martin, Doug Donaldson, Crystalynn Garnatz, Tammy Kielian, Father Korte, Joan Luebbert

Absent: Ralph Pulte, Greg Mendick

February PC Minutes: It was noted that part of the November minutes were included in the January report. Joan will remove this portion. The minutes of the January PC meeting were moved, with the November portion removed, to be approved by Mark Munchrath, motion seconded by Rich Martin. Minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

Committee Liaison Updates

School Advisory Committee - Katie Digilio – January meeting minute draft was provided. Katie updated the PC with some of the discussion from the SaB's February meeting, including a verbal summary of the SWOT analysis that was part of the meeting. The preschool enrollment currently is at 9, would like to get that number increased. The SaB also had a discussion about bullying.

Social Committee – Doug Donaldson – Next donut Sunday will be 3/5 & 6 following masses where Financial Stewardship information/testimony. FC committee will present slides and answer questions about the financial results YTD, expenses and the capital campaign funds after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 masses. The Social Committee provided deserts for the AB's listening session held at St. Gerald's. Many positive comments in regard to the hospitality.

Stewardship Committee - Crystalynn reported the committee had a very brief meeting and reviewed the financial renewal letter that will be sent to all parishioners.

Parish Education – Rich Martin –No Report

Finance Committee – Ralph Pulte – No written report in Ralph's absence. Father Korte reported that the FC committee has begun working on the 2016-17 budget. He asked for two representatives from the PC to assist the FC. Kathy Yochum and Mark Munchrath volunteered. The initial results from the Angel Auction look very good. 340 attended.

Liturgy Committee – Tammy Kielian – No report –. meeting postponed due to bad weather

Human Needs Committee – Mark Munchrath – No report Doug Donaldson reported the parish's refuge family has now been assigned. They are a family of 6 with children ages 19, 14,12 and 8. It is a three month commitment. They are from Burma with Karen ethnicity.

Mtce. Committee – No report provided in Greg's absence. Father Korte reported that the HVAC bids are in, they are slightly more than expected, and negotiations are underway.

Pastor's Report:

Jim Beckman from Denver will lead the Parish Mission this year. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit will also be held in the Social Hall in conjunction with the Parish Mission. Adoration sign ups are going well. There will be PR support from KVSS with 56 thirty second spots. There will be additional marketing via yard signs and banners. St. Gerald will be preparing about 20 additional posters to include some Marian apparitions and relics.

The Finance Committee and Stewardship Committee have reviewed the letters that will go out to all parishioner. The lay speakers will talk about their financial commitment and their feelings of ownership of the parish. The letter sent to all will ask for a 3% increase in giving.

Father Korte is looking closely at staffing in the parish office and school as part of the budgeting process. He is also working on recruiting chairpersons for next year's Angel Auction and developing a succession structure similar to other committees in the parish.

Old Business:

Bulletin board coverage was again reviewed and discussion continued to assure guest greeter coverage at masses. 40 hours adoration and the Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibition are each working on volunteer sign ups to cover the three days of the mission and the exhibition hours.

New Business:

All PC members are encouraged to continue to recruit for the 3 open positions for PC 2016-2017.

The Spring Leadership Meeting will be Thursday, April 28th

The need for additional materials in the display cabinets in the social hall was discussed. Father Korte had some ideas on items that could be placed in these cabinets which were furnished by the K of C.

Mark Munchrath will lead the Lecto Divina for the February meeting, which will be held on March 10, 2016 in the basement classroom at the school.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

Joan Luebbert
Recording Secretary