

## **Minutes for St. Anne Parish Pastoral Council- March 30th, 2017 ("April" meeting)**

**Present:** Andy Snyder, Judy Smith, Ed Balaban, Jean Blackburn, Mary Pat Ernst, Doug Ernst, Kathy Carnell

**Excused Absence:** Kathi Boatright, Jim Yench

**Non Voting Present:** Father Kevin Segerblom, Father Stephen Boaheng, Mary Monroe, and Dawn Figueiras

**Meeting Called to Order** - Ed Balaban

**Opening Prayer:** Father Kevin

**February Minutes** approved - Kathy Carnell, Judy Smith seconded the motion.

**St. Anne Social Ministry Report** - Dawn Figueiras, Chair - Dawn provided handouts of her report to the PPC members.

During Presentation, PPC discussed getting more volunteers for "Reading Buddies".

Book Drive by St. Anne's is being considered for Highland View Elementary School in Bristol, VA. The Parish will most likely have a Drive too for HVEC.

Dawn agreed with PPC to give the 2018 Social Ministry report in the month of April, 2018.

**Bingo Appreciation Dinner** - June 23rd is the set date for the dinner. The PPC discussed Catering options. Possibilities picnic food, Burger Bar catering considered. The number of workers to be honored 32 to 35, adding their guests the number attending will be approximately 108 people.

Help will be needed with invitations, set up for dinner and tear down.

PPC also discussed giving some type of award or certificate to each worker.

**PPC/Finance Council/ Development Committee Meeting** - Father spoke with the PPC regarding the meeting; he asked the members their thoughts as the Parish goes forward.

**PPC discussed welcoming ideas for new Parishioners**, what has been successful and not so successful in the past. Judy shared with the PPC that new Parishioners did not respond to a New Parishioners Dinner. Ideas were discussed for welcoming options- **One on One greetings** or a **possible "get together" between Masses**; a welcoming **"goodie bag"**. Mary Monroe of the Greeting Card ministry suggested a **"welcome" card** to new Parishioners. Father Kevin approved of the welcome card and to go forward with the outreach; Mary will get in touch with Rosie regarding cards to order. Other welcoming ideas will have further consideration.

**"Lit-nics"** - which have been done in the past were also discussed by PPC, Father Kevin will consider bringing this back.

**Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly)** - Father Kevin brought forth to the PPC that Parish is testing new

materials.

**Bringing Back Catholics fallen from The (Universal) Church** - PPC discussed to inviting them to small groups to help them work through reasons for leaving the Catholic Faith and their return. USCCB has five programs. Father has discussed these with Sydney Farnum.

**Senior Citizens and the Bereaved** - The PPC discussed that both ministries need to be expanded.

**Parishioners need to get involved** - PPC agreed that they will be the catalysts for encouraging parishioners involvement in the ministries of the Parish.

**New housing behind St. Anne's** - Father discussed with PPC the possibilities of a "Welcoming Party" for the new Residents behind the Church as well as for the current Residents.

**Class on Catholicism** - PPC discussed the idea of having classes on Catholicism once a month on Sunday. Possible refreshments furnished with coffee and donuts.

**Questionnaires discussed** - Father reminded the PPC the process of questionnaires.

**2018 Ideas** - Father Kevin requests of the PPC to come back to the May meeting with at least five ideas to consider for the Parish for 2018. Father will present the ideas to the Parish Staff.

**By Law Appendices** - PPC reviewed approval of appendices, no comments, all approved. Ed will contact Rosie regarding the approval. 2019 will be the next designated date for review of bylaws and any possible updates.

**New Business** - None.

**Pastoral Notes** - None.

**Open Forum** - Ed reminded PPC members that it is very important to let Rosie, or a PPC member know if he/she cannot make it to the meeting. A suggested e-mail to Ed or as a "reply to all" to Rosie's PPC e-mail, therefore all members, and Father Kevin will know before the meeting.

**Closing Prayer** - Father Stephen

**Next meeting** - May 4th.

