

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Present: Fr. Chris Hess, Chair Angela Costagliola, Vice-Chair Linda Williams, Recorder Jean Malcolm, Barry Staubus, Rose Marie Burriss, Dave Hall, Tony Broglio, Jack Weisenburger, Donna Hale

Absent: Lin Ramsey

Not Present: Principal Billie Schneider

OPENING PRAYER: The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. Chris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 12-5-19 meeting:

Linda Williams made a motion to approve the minutes.

Tony Broglio seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

Security/Safety during Mass:

- Per Fr. Chris, we are working through a list of security improvements.
- We are looking at what other churches are doing to secure their facilities.
- We may have an active shooter class at the church, for those who want to attend.
- We must balance security against an open and welcoming atmosphere.

Walkway in front of the fountain:

- The church has a couple of drawings for new landscaping.
- We must coordinate with the financial director on how to pay for the new landscaping. (As a side note, not having a financial director slowed some projects down.)
- It was noted that a parishioner suggested a canopy from the drop off to the edge of the building.

Directory:

- The directory is completed but a recommendation was made to have a church photographer. It would be nice to have a pool of pictures to choose from when creating the next directory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Inviting individual staff members to speak about their ministries at future PPC meetings:

- It was suggested, and agreed upon, that one staff member would speak to the PPC for about twenty minutes about their ministries.
- There are areas where the staff members could use support and perhaps the PPC could make suggestions to help them.

How to get young people more involved in church and ministries:

- It was suggested to have youth masses – masses where the teenagers and young adults fill the various roles of greeters, lectors, etc.
- The music would also be geared toward young parishioners, while involving the youth choir more.
- Hopefully, this would both involve the young people and their parents/grandparents.
- Perhaps the masses could coordinate with Sundays where the second collection is for

the school.

Theology on Tap:

- Theology on tap is going well.
- Since the closing of Studio Brew, they are looking for another bar that has a large private room where they can meet.

PPC Retreat:

- Facilitator will be Patty Smith, at the Rectory, Saturday 2-8-2020, 8:45 a.m. to noon.

Food and/or clothes donations:

- Suggestion made that food and clothes would be collected as a Lenten almsgiving donation and/or a continuing monthly donation.
- Various charities around town could receive the donations – Girls, Inc., BFIA, Salvation Army, Pregnancy Center, Work Closet, etc.
- Angela will follow up with the Social Ministry Committee.

PASTOR'S NOTES:

Michael James Mette (www.mjm7.band.com):

- Michael and his children will be giving a concert at St. Anne's on March 29th.
- Perhaps they can do music at each mass that weekend and an invitation go out to all the parishioners to attend the concert.

Bishop Barry Knestout:

- Bishop Knestout will be visiting St. Anne's the weekend of February 22, 2020.
- Friday night there will be the Annual Diocesan Appeal reception.
- Saturday morning will be Confirmation Mass.
- Saturday afternoon he will be in meetings.
- Saturday, at the 5:30 mass, he will install Fr. Chris as the pastor of the parish.

Evangelization:

- Fr. Chris would like 4 or 5 priorities to implement for growth in the church.
- The last time letters were sent to ex-parishioners, the results were mixed. Some did come back to the church but many had no plans to return.
- Bishop Robert Barron states that one of the top three reasons why people don't come back to church is because no one called to ask why they left or that they are missed.
- All communication should be one on one, tactful and completely confidential.

Note: The following article in the **Catholic Virginian**, January 2020, was recommended by a council member: *Parish councils require 'connection to Holy Spirit'* by Fr. Pat Apuzzo.

Note: Sr. Bernadette "Bernie" Kenny, mentioned in the **Catholic Virginian** article, January 2020, *Stories, spiritual reflections chronicle more than 40 years of work*, by Karen Adams, will be visiting Bristol (at the Council of Catholic Women meeting) on May 11th. More information to follow. (*The Catholic Virginian article is posted on the parish bulletin board*).

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Chris closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next PPC meeting: The next meeting is **March 5, 2020** in the school conference room at 7:00 pm.

