

Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish Pastoral Council
February 26, 2019

Members and Guests Present: Tina Bradshaw, Tony Cooper, Cindy Rapp, Fran Reiley, Becky Cope, Helen Flanigan, Norb Fuhs, Maria Gomez, Mike Veenhuizen, Joe Neeson, Karen Carpenter, Kent Clady, Isaac Lara, Matt Sierp, Preston Marunde, Steve Pappas, Charlie DiGiovanna and Monsignor Mark

Members Absent: Luis Barajas, Carolyn Gibson, Stacie Hocker, Mike Kalscheur and Patty Schnarr

The February meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was called to order by Chairman Norbert Fuhs. Monsignor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Comments from the Chair: Norb Fuhs discussed the Welcome Breakfast March 3rd. He invited members to attend and welcome the new parishioners.

Minutes: The January minutes were reviewed with a motion to approve, by Joe Neeson and seconded by Charlie DiGiovanna; motion passed.

Commission Reports

Christian Service: Cindy Rapp reported on the Gabriel Project and explained how they help women and their families facing crisis pregnancies. She reported they are currently helping seven families in our parish.

Faith Formation: Helen Flanigan reported on upcoming events. Advent's small groups' signups will be this weekend. Helen reminded us the Lenten speaker will be Archbishop Thompson on Wednesday, March 20th, topic Forgiveness.

Youth Ministry: Preston Marunde reported on upcoming events. He expressed how much fun they are having bonding and participating in interactive activities with other schools.

School: Isaac Lara introduced himself and reported the school is in the process of registration and new student recruitment. Discussed upcoming events including the school musical March 6-8.

Social/Family Life: Steve Pappas reported on the 50th anniversary of the K of C council saying a recruitment drive was held 2/24 with coffee & donuts.

Spiritual Life: No report for this month

Stewardship: Mike Veenhuizen discussed the surge in giving at the beginning of the year, reporting we are a little ahead of budget. He stressing electronic giving and reported on a parish stewardship video.

Financial Report - Fran Reiley reviewed the financial highlights. Discussed the fence and gate for the school. Also reported on changes happening in Craig Park.

Development – Tony Cooper discussed the parish pledge process beginning 3/16 ending 4/7 with a stewardship video and an “in-pew” pledge card. He reported our AUCA goal \$138,513, OLG pledged \$140,329! Charlie DiGiovanna expressed his appreciation for the continuing great job Tony does.

Old Business:

PPC constitution, Article II: Membership. Norb and Monsignor discussed the changes and the reasons.

It was agreed that Section 2 shall read:” Every person who is a Confirmed Catholic and a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.” Revisions to sections 1, 3, and 5 were accepted and sections 6 & 7 will be deleted. The changes will be voted on at the next meeting with an effective date of July 1st, 2019. Charlie DiGiovanna said he had a few more items he found in the PPC Constitution that needed to be changed or updated. He will get with the secretary and get the changes noted in the copy send out next month.

New Business:

Cindy Rapp discussed the Lenten Fish Fry reporting the council always provides desserts. A signup sheet was passed asking two members, each week, to get five desserts donated. This will provide about 10 desserts each week serving around 100. Tina Bradshaw will call and remind each member of their week.

Open Floor:

Steve Pappas discussed 2018 – Indiana School Safety Recommendations. It was agreed that a copy will be sent to each member and Steve will discuss with Mr. Clady. It may be on the agenda at a future meeting

Comments from the Pastor:

Monsignor discussed the shortage of priests with only 2 being ordained and losing 5 we will be down by 7. Jamison Henry will be leaving Thursday to go to a monastery in Kentucky. Monsignor also reported the rectory is being painted and a sink put in the downstairs.

Closing Prayer led by Monsignor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Rapp
Secretary