

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

Members and Guests Present: Joe Neeson, Fran Reiley, Steve Pappas, Charlie DiGiovanna, Carolyn Gibson, Mike Veenhuizen, Joe Neeson, Mike Kalscheur, Judy Koch, Domenic D’Ettore, Stacie Hocker, Luis Barajas, Cindy Rapp, Fr. Todd and Fr. Vinney

Members Absent: Karen Carpenter, Kent Clady, Tina Bradshaw, Maria Gomez, Helen Flanigan, Nathan Coulombe and Tony Cooper

The November meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council was called to order by Chairman Joe Neeson at 7:03 pm. Fr. Todd opened the meeting with a reading of Sunday’s gospel.

Minutes: The October minutes were reviewed with a motion to approve, by Mike Veenhuizen and seconded by Domenic D’Ettore; motion passed.

Judy Koch explained that Charlie DiGiovanna has taken over as chair of the EMHC ministry and he felt that he could no longer remain chair of the Spiritual Life Commission. He asked Judy to find a replacement. Judy contacted each ministry head in the commission to see if there was any interest in serving as the chair and serving on the council. With no interest, and with the approval of the ministry heads, Judy ask Cindy Rapp to replace Charlie on the Spiritual Life Commission.

Charlie said good bye and Joe thanked him for his service and commitment to the parish pastoral council.

Commission Reports

School Commission: Luis Barajas distributed minutes from last month’s meeting along with their contact list. He reported on the Veterans’ Day program, ILEARN scores, spring musical auditions and the website updates. Luis discussed fundraising and the commission’s goal to be more self-funded, looking for large sponsors. He also reported a marketing video is being shot hoping to finish by mid-December. He also reported and script sales are slowly increasing.

Faith Formation - Judy Koch reported Advent’s small groups will be using Formed. Linked up videos on Formed to help those not as computer savvy.

Social/Family Life: Steve Pappas reported the family of the month for October was the Kalscheur family. He said the K of C is supporting the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass. Also the Boy Scouts and K of C are helping St. Vincent DePaul. Steve discussed festival planning meeting questions, sponsorship, mission statement, raffle rules etc. Chairman Joe ask Steve to submit a list of questions the council can consider at the next meeting.

Spiritual Life: Cindy Rapp discussed Liturgy Committee Minutes from November 6th. Fr. Todd ask for feedback on trying a tri-lingual Mass on 1/1 at 6PM. Good feedback and it will be advertised as Latin, English and Spanish.

Christian Service: Stacie Hocker reported the SVDP clothing drive went very well. She also reminded everyone the Giving Tree gifts are due back 12/8- 9 and the National Night of Prayer is 12/8. Stacie also discussed the Hearts for Haiti pastor change. On a personal note she thanked everyone for the prayers for her family.

Stewardship: Mike Veenhuizen reported the United Catholic appeal is at 31% of goal. Also reported on the planned giving seminar and the letter Fr Todd is sending out to parish encouraging increased giving during the rest of the fiscal year. Mike discussed changes in the Stewardship Commission bylaws to increase the members, encourage more Spanish speaking members, and move to elected positions.

Financial Report - Fran Reiley clarified that this report is a sub-set of the Stewardship Commission. The report was reviewed with Fran reporting the church income is slightly worse than budget but the school is better, overall we are better than budget.

Old Business: “Art of Flourishing Congregations” was attended by the staff, main takeaway was to utilize positive questioning in order to help parish flourish. Judy Koch continues to work on the Ministry of Fallen Away Catholics

Recording of Homilies - Continuing discussion with Mike Dupont concerning the ability of our AV equipment to record homilies.

House of Discernment – Fr. Todd reported he had met with Fr. Mike who spoke to the Archbishop and it sounds positive but there are many items to work out before it would become official.

Blessings of Homes – Fr Vinney and Cindy Rapp met to work out details. Waiting on data from the Archdiocese in street name order. Hope to begin after the first of the year with a schedule of neighborhoods listing time and days of the week blessings would be available.

New Business:

Discernment questions – Fifteen minutes were spent by council members writing down their answers on post-it notes and posting on poster boards Joe had provided for each theme. Joe collected all the answers at the end of the meeting and will report on the findings later.

Open Floor:

Mike Kalscheur related NCYC feedback stating it was a very positive experience and many youth attended. Mike ask for prayers for a server from another parish that was killed in a car accident.

Comments from the Pastor: Fr. Todd announced a Faith/Family/Fellowship event on Prayer 12/12 at 7:15 pm. Discussed fee/donations for weddings and quinceaneras. Question was what does this include and what amount.

9:00- Closing Prayer led by Fr. Todd

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Neeson
For Tina Bradshaw Secretary