

SAINT AGNES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Lizz Kohazi, Steve Jerrome, Brenda Troxtell, Ann Bittner, Debby Johnson, Tony Halfhill, Jerry Toth, Father Albert Veigas, Deacon Bruce Tennant

Absent: Jennifer Parobek **Quorum Present:** Yes

Chairperson Lizz Kohazi called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m. and welcomed everyone. Mr. Halfhill led the faith sharing.

Review and Approval of the December Meeting Minutes

Upon completing the faith sharing, Ms. Kohazi asked if everyone had reviewed the December 20th Meeting Minutes and if there were any changes or additions. With no changes, the minutes were accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome Book and Follow-Up

Ms. Johnson stated that she was approached by a parishioner who asked if any one follows up with those individuals who sign the St. Agnes guest book. Ms. Johnson reviewed the guest book and noted that many of the guests who sign the book do not provide enough contact information to do outreach. Ms. Johnson will contact the parishioner and explain the outcome from the PPC meetings.

Selection of Individuals to Bring the Gifts

Ms. Johnson reported on her conversation with a couple of parishioners who were honored to take up the gifts when approached by the ushers. Discussion ensued. It was noted that the ushers try to find the family members that are related to the person whom the mass is being said for. Ms. Johnson suggested that at the masses for the St. Agnes Parishioners that the ushers select people from the congregation to take up the gifts. Father Veigas will touch base with Steve Fuchs, Chair of the Usher Ministry.

Special Mentions in Opening Announcements

Ms. Johnson suggested that a special announcement to welcome visitors should be included at Easter and Christmas and use this as an evangelization tool. Ms. Johnson will develop a script that can be used for Easter 2017.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations

Father Albert reported that the Lenten Soup Suppers and Stations have been organized by Ms. Toth. The PPC members will host the soup supper and stations on Friday, March 10th. Ms. Johnson asked if Mary's Way of the Cross can be used for the stations led by the PPC. Everyone agreed to use this version. Further details will be discussed at the next PPC meeting.

Holy Week Review

PPC members briefly discussed Holy Week. Father Veigas gave some details regarding mass times. Further discussion will continue at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Stewardship Campaign Guidelines and Update

Steve Jerrome, PPC Vice-Chair and Stewardship Campaign Leader, gave an update on the progress of the Stewardship Campaign. Mr. Jerrome circulated the second draft of the updated Ministry Guide (catalog). Discussion ensued. After the discussion, Mr. Jerrome asked the PPC members to review and have any corrections back to him by Tuesday, January 24th via email. He will need to get the final version to Ms. Forbush by January 25th for printing.

Parishioner Outreach Phone Call Program for Easter

Ms. Kohazi was not able to contact Ms. Forbush regarding the contact information for the parishioner outreach. It was noted that the script from last year will have to be reviewed and added to for this year. Discussion ensued regarding the list. Father Veigas suggested using just the parish directory as those parishioners are the most current and active. The directory can be divided among the PPC members for phone calling. This will be reviewed at the next meeting in February.

Newspaper Ad for Easter

Ms. Troxtell reviewed the Easter ad that ran in the Chronicle Telegram last year. Discussion ensued. The PPC members liked last year's ad, but asked Ms. Troxtell to see if the design could be updated. Ms. Troxtell will reach out to her contact at the Chronicle and get a couple additional designs for the next meeting.

Saint Agnes Feast Day

Ms. Johnson gave an update on the preparations for the Saint Agnes Feast Day Breakfast hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council on January 22nd after the 10:00am mass. Ms. Johnson reported that Mr. Wodyla will head up the kitchen and will take care of the food and paper products. He asked that the PPC members help to serve. Ms. Johnson noted that she will have the confirmation candidates participate by cleaning up after the event. The poster from last year will be used. Ms. Johnson will lead an activity during the breakfast and has purchased St. Agnes prayer cards to give out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Toth reported that a member of the 50+ Club asked if the railings going down to the basement could be moved closer together. Right now they are too far apart for someone with a cane, walker or someone who needs to use the railings to get down the stairs. Discussion ensued. Father Veigas asked Mr. Toth to contact Dan Bauer and Steve Fuchs to look at the railings to see if anything can be done.

With no further business, the closing prayer and the St. Agnes Mission statement was read by all.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully recorded by
Brenda M. Troxtell, Secretary