

COMMON PASTORAL COUNCIL

October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Father Tim, Father John, Katie Falk, Michael Taylor, Annette Lucchesi, Heidi Belongia, Tom Croasdaile, Pat Suminski, Tom Ewing, Jim Cauley, Stephen Mazurchuk, Julie Trafton, Michael Reyes, Kathleen Wittmann, Diane Bandurski, Katy Borowski, Alicia Manning, Owen McCormick, Beth Maniero and Vincent Thorn.*

Guests Present: *Laura Hancock*

Opening Prayer.

Meeting Called To Order.

Guest Speaker: Laura Hancock, our new Director of Social Justice and Outreach, joined the meeting to talk about her role and ministry. Laura solicited feedback from the council members on the parishes' involvement with social justice ministries to date and opportunities for communication and resources going forward. Laura also provided insight and information on direct service opportunities, education and formation, and advocacy efforts, as well as a recent meeting of the Human Concerns Commission. We look forward to working with Laura in the future.

Priest Reports: Father Tim and Father John provided the following updates:

- Father Tim will be on sabbatical from January 1st through April 1st. The Archbishop formally appointed Father John as temporary administrator during that time.
- Catholic East is off to a great start for the year. Father John is working with Principal Gonzales and there was a corporate board meeting this week. There is a continued focus on the relationship with Seton.
- The UPLIFT program has replaced ECYM and OSM's religious education program. Anh Clausen is leading the program for parents and children on Wednesday nights at SSPP.
- There are 15 adults participating in the RCIA program this year.
- Eat Drink and Be Catholic is off to a successful start for the year.
- There will be an open house for the new St. Rita's Church on Easter with a dedication the following Sunday.

Individual Parish Council Meetings:

OSM: We are preparing to launch the OSM parish life survey in November. The OSM IPC finalized the survey questions and logistics for conducting the survey over the next 4 weeks. There will be additional information at Masses during November, in the OSM bulletin, and on the OSM website and Facebook pages. The following topics were tabled for the November meeting: 2019-2020 Goals; and impact of The Hop.

OLDP:

❖ Small Groups Discussion:

- There are a number of small groups already happening that are just people getting together on their own. Would they want to open it up to the full parish community?

- We could reach out to Donna Fletcher, who attends a successful small group from one of the other parishes, to find out what that group is all about.
- Katy has a friend who is a pastor at another parish that runs several small groups. We can reach out to him to find out information.
- We would like more feedback from Fr. John as to what direction he is hoping for this to go.
- ❖ Pew Envelopes:
 - A sample was taken from Old St. Mary's pew and Diane will take it to the church office to have something similar made up for the OLDP pews.
 - We want to add to our envelopes an option to receive info about registering as a parishioner because we have so many regular attendees that are not registered.
 - We would like to have an option of online registering because that is very convenient, especially for those who are more inclined to use technology. Fr. Tim agreed to speak to our parish secretaries to see if they would all be agreeable to this.
- ❖ Anniversary Celebration:
 - Fr. Tim agrees that a celebration should be done, but it will not be planned to happen before the end of this year (2019). It will incorporate our faith community looking back on "what was" and looking ahead on "what is to come". He has some things that are being ironed out and he will be gone on sabbatical, so we will be looking at planning the celebration next year.
 - Katy was asked to speak about the delay to Mary Anne Borowski, who has been instrumental in helping to make this happen.
 - Annette and Diane were tasked to connect with a few other long-time parishioners who might have information about our St Mary Czestochowa site, to include with the look back portion of the celebration.
- ❖ Feast day of Our Lady of Divine Providence:
 - A parishioner asked that a conversation be had about the feast day of Our Lady of Divine Providence which is on November 19th. Fr. Tim agreed that it is something that should/could be done.
 - Fr. Tim will do the mass on Sunday November 17th. He will contact Fr. Kent to let him know that he will preside that day. He will also contact Mary Robertson to include bilingual music selections.
 - Annette was asked to email Fr. Tim with these dates and tasks.

SSPP: Our Individual meeting focused on our new Parish Life Task Force that has had 2 meetings at SSPP to get some sub committees together focus on two aspects of community building – One will focus on monthly social gatherings either directly following Masses or at locations in our parish community – The sub-committee these social gatherings are hoping to create gatherings that will attract many parishioners as a way for them to get to know other parishioners, but not have these gatherings compete with other groups that are part of the Family of Four Parishes, like Beacon Moms, Bacon Dads, Eat Drink and Be Catholic and the Family Justice Brigade, just to name a few.

The other sub-committee will focus on a group or groups that will meet more regularly and build community through substantive and meaningful conversation.

Kathleen Wittmann has a group of 3-4 people who will be meeting on Nov. 11th at 7pm in the Upper Room at SSPP to start planning the social gatherings.

Michael Taylor will be meeting with a small group of parishioners in early November to start planning the conversational approach

Michael mentioned that we need to look at how to get younger people involved in these groups – we will look at that at our meetings.

We all decided that we should have the whole committee together in late January to assess how the groups are achieving the goals of building community and to see what each sub-committee may need.

THW:

8:30 **Adjourn Meetings**

- Next Meeting: **November 21, 2019** (*Adoration at 6:30; Meeting at 7:00*)