

COMMON PASTORAL COUNCIL

November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Father Tim, Father John, Katie Falk, Michael Taylor, Heidi Belongia, Pat Suminski, Tom Ewing, Stephen Mazurchuk, Julie Trafton, Michael Reyes, Kathleen Wittmann, Diane Bandurski, Owen McCormick, Beth Maniero and Vincent Thorn.*

Guests Present: *Anh Clausen*

Opening Prayer.

Meeting Called To Order.

Guest Speaker. Anh Clausen, our Director of Family Ministry & Religious Formation, joined the meeting to talk about her role, her team and their ministry. Anh shared information about the UPLIFT (“Uniting People Living in Faith and Truth) Family Formation Program for our family of four parishes and the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The mission of UPLIFT is to support and equip **Parents** to be the primary educators of the faith for their children and assist and UPLIT families to live in the fullness of our Catholic faith as disciples and followers of Jesus Christ. Anh’s team focuses on children from K5 through 8th grade and Nino Rebholz focuses on UPLIFT Teens for high school kids. Anh also talked more broadly about the Family Ministry Coordinators and how they are ministering to families in our family of four parishes. The CPC provided feedback on Anh’s questions about current family ministry and religious education structure and opportunities for future service.

New Business. The CPC will explore opportunities to volunteer as a Council in the spirit of service to our community and team building.

Priest Reports (*Father Tim and Father John*)

Father John provided the following updates:

- Father John advised that Father Johnny Burns and Father Tom DeVries would be helping out with the sacraments while Father Tim is on sabbatical. Chad Griesel will be coordinating Bible study sessions moving forward and Lee Ann Blackmer will handle calendaring.
- Planning for Lent 2020 is underway and will reflect on the roots of our faith and education/partnering with Jewish groups.
- Catholic East: Watch the bulletin for updates on Catholic East and Seton.
- The last New Member Welcoming Dinner was held at the end of October. 60 new parishioners were able to participate in the dinner.

Father Tim provided the following updates:

- There will be a new part-time director to support the SPRED ministry. The ministry will be expanded to other parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
- Three Holy Women was chosen to participate in the national audit for safe environment/safeguarding our children. They passed with flying colors and all of the parishes in our family of four parishes have the same processes in place.
- 2020 Budget update. All parishes have a balanced budget for 2020 and are financially healthy.
- Building Updates on St. Rita’s (project is being quickly completed), the Cramer building (buyers interested in line with our mission), and the Convent (SSPP) (monthly lease).

Individual Parish Council Meetings

OSM: The OSM council members discussed preliminary results of the Parish Survey. We expect to have full results in time for further discussion at our next meeting. We will also discuss reporting and 2020 goals.

OLDP: The OLDP council members discussed small groups and envelopes in the pews. Stephen Mazurchuk has been meeting with some parishioners and they are still in the discussion stage before actual formation of small groups. Diane Bandursky reported that the envelopes in pews project has been completed. All envelopes are located in the new holders along with OLDP labeled pens. The anniversary discussion has been tabled until next year.

SSPP: The SSPP meeting focused on our new Parish Life Task Force that had 2 sub committees that have been meeting to plan events. Kathleen Wittmann has been meeting with the subcommittee that is focusing on monthly social events and she reported on her sub committee's plans. They have committee members who are responsible for each event and they have a preliminary plan starting in December with a Cookie sale on December 15th with the packaging of the cookies on December 14th. They will be sold after 9:30 Mass and 7pm Mass in the Church Center. January's event will possibly be a family bowling event. February event has not been planned – they are waiting to hear about the Chili Cook-off and Monte Carlo Night which usually happen during that month. March will not have an event due to Lent. April will be a Book and Toy Swap and that will go along with Earth Day on April 22, 2020 which will be the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. May will not have an event due to Mother's Day, Graduations, and First Communions. June event will be a picnic at Estabrook Park. The committee members will check the parish calendars and check with Sandy Avery to make sure that there won't be conflicts with other events and other events with the Family of Parishes.

The other subcommittee has had 2 meetings to plan a new community building opportunity called PeopleTalk and Michael handed out a summary of the meeting about PeopleTalk to the IPC members, Father Tim and Father John. PeopleTalk will be a series of 4 evening gatherings with a soup dinner in the SSPP Church Center from 6-7:45p.m. starting on Tuesday, January 7 and meeting every other Tuesday until February 18, 2020. We are hoping to get about 40 parishioners who would like to share their experiences of Church and to build relationships with other parishioners through conversations that relate to prompts from facilitators that Michael and Mary Alice and Bill Houghton will be contacting. Julie, Father Joe Juknialis, and Kathleen Harvey will be coordinating the food and getting the room ready for the group.

The SSPP Pastoral Council decided to ask the chair people of events like the Block Party, Summer Soulstice, Chili Cook-off, and Monte Carlo Night for reports of their events. One report would be before the event, asking about volunteer needs and whether the group needs any assistance from Pastoral Council. The second report would be after the event, asking what went well and what they want to improve. These reports will help Pastoral Council keep parish community efforts coordinated.

THW: The THW council members discussed the status of the St. Rita Church project. Although the schedule is slightly behind, the contractor hopes to catch up with good weather. Committee is scheduled to meet 11/22/19 and address issues related to Stations and Statue options and placement, electrical outlet details, *etc.*

Small group follow-up sessions have occurred. A summary of results will appear in the THW bulletin.

A brief discussion of the organizational structure of THW and the family of four parishes took place. The THW members have a better understanding of newly hired staff duties. Further discussion will be tabled until the January meeting.

Meeting Adjourned. The next CPC meeting will be held on **January 23, 2020** (*Adoration at 6:30p.m. at OSM. CPC Meeting at 7:00 p.m.*)