



Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Attendees: Hans Higdon, Andy McDonald, Chris Kuss, Craig Cornelius, Jason Suchowski, Pat Kennedy, Christopher Schuele, Eugene Burke, Mary Ann Delzer

Staff Attendees: Patricia Wisialowski, Bishop Jeff Haines, Fr. Jose Gonzalez, Shanedra Johnson

Excused: Sean Carroll, Mark Readinger, Bud Cialdini, Michael Bula

Cathedral Outreach Ministries: Shanedra Johnson-Director of Outreach Ministries

- Open Door Café
 - Now responsible for scheduling all volunteers and recruitment is going well.
 - A letter is used to solicit volunteers from organizations that have previously volunteered.
 - Goal is to increase the number of Cathedral parishioners who volunteer.
 - Working with PC liaison Christopher Schuele on ideas to increase volunteers, such as offering opportunities to potential volunteers to shadow an experienced volunteer.
 - Christopher also assisting with writing of bylaws for the Open Door Café Board.
- Holiday party
 - Was a great success and well attended: 488 dinners and 340+ gifts distributed.
 - Looking to solicit for gift items earlier. Perhaps “Christmas in July” or “Item of the Month.” Items are provided throughout the year to guests, so having an inventory on hand would be beneficial.
 - Next year’s party will be held on December 9, 2019.
- Human Concerns Committee
 - Met with Tom Hunt and Mary Norman, but will be meeting with the full committee after the new year.

Commission Reports

- Human Concerns-Pat K. reported she is working on finding ministries/organizations to donate remaining supplies from Cathedral Squared.
- Stewardship-Mary Ann reported the group has 10+ members meeting monthly. The group is working on identifying/prioritizing ideas to pursue.
- Fine Arts- Jason reported Lessons and Carols was well-attended and greatly appreciated by all! Wednesday concerts are also going well. Campaign is half-way to goal, with \$15K raised to date.
- Formation-Pat W. reported Fr. Mike’s Advent Evening had 75+ participants. In February we will have confirmation for 4/5 parishioners. Looking forward to Lent, planning on “Soup with Substance” sessions.

Fr. Jose’s Update

- Formation group continues to meet, as well as married couple’s ministry.
- Building the core for the young adult/youth group, with meetings every Friday evening.
- Pro-Life ministry has been gathering to say the rosary at the clinic on Farwell Avenue.

- Thanksgiving Mass had 300+ in attendance.

Leadership Retreat 2019

- September 27-28, Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc.
- Pat W. will contact Michelle Nemmer to facilitate retreat and set date for quarterly check-in.
- Bishop Jeff will invite Leadership Team.
- Andy/Mark to invite Finance Council members.

Bishop's Update

- Amazing Parishes-Leadership Team met in November and is looking to use Amazing Parishes resources/coaching to assist with setting priorities.
- Rectory Construction
 - Asbestos abatement is completed.
 - Dining room is being redone for parish and Archdiocesan socials and fundraisers
 - Primary purpose of construction is the replacement of obsolete and faulty plumbing
- Milwaukee Downtown (BID 21) has decided to not renew their lease, which expires at the end of June. They are requesting to stay to October and Finance Council will consider the request.
- New statue of St. Joseph will be dedicated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family.
- Midnight Mass will again be televised on WISN Channel 12. Last year the Mass was seen by 26K households. We pay WMVS Channel 10 for satellite hook-up , and production is handled by the Cathedral parish.
- Crisis Strategy is being developed by the Archdiocese in conjunction with Catholic Mutual. A template will be provided to the parishes to use in creating parish plans with their local law enforcement.

Writing Team Update- Pat W

- Meeting January 10, 2019
- Mark Kemmeter provided additional materials for the writing team's use.

Issues Log was reviewed and updated.

Next meetings:

- January 15, 2019
- February 19, 2019