Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Attendees: Hans Higdon, Chris Kuss, Mark Readinger, Eugene Burke, Steve Barnicki, Craig Cornelius, Jason Suchowski, Fr. Jose Gonzales, Bishop Jeff Haines and Mary Ann Delzer

Excused: Christopher Schuele

Parish Business:

• Catholic Relief Service-Bob & Judy Boehm
  - The Boehm’s are the Parish Ambassadors for Catholic Relief Service (CRS). This program is new to the Archdiocese. So far 25 parishes have ambassadors. CRS serves people around the world with various needs, but the focus for two years is providing water resources. Operation Rice Bowl is CRS largest fundraising effort, taking place during the season of Lent. The Open Door Café received 25% of the amount raised as the contribution to the parish outreach. Operation Rice Bowl is the only fundraising that will be done for CRS in the parish. The Boehm’s will be meeting with the Sister Parish Committee at their January meeting. CRS is meant to be a complement to the water project in the sister parish and not in competition.

• Fr. Jose
  - Fr. Jose met with Rich Harter and he will assist with Strategic Plan after the Discipleship Maker survey is done. Survey will be administered in Lent: February 24-March 23. It will be available on-line. A team of ten is being formed to work on the project.
  - Lease—Tenor High School is interested in the space for their administrative offices. Their lease is due for renewal in February 2020.
  - Plan for Emergency Response Procedures-Committee is continuing to meet
  - Lydia LoCoco, Archdiocese Office of Community Relations and Archdiocese Office of Communications, are working on events for during the Democratic National Convention in July 2020.
  - Archdiocese Capital Campaign team is formed, with the campaign schedule for January and February.
  - Scott Fischer is working on estimates for the church roof and improved lighting inside the Cathedral.
  - Fr. Jose shared he is very happy in his new role as Vice Rector. New staff addition of Paul Trzebiatowski. The staff has a positive spirit and is looking to keep the parish moving forward. Very positive happenings as attendance improved for Advent vespers and the St. Nicholas party was well attended. Working on celebrating Spanish language Mass regularly this next year.

• Life Touch –Parish Directory-Hans
  - Delivery is expected December 28.
Pastoral Council Business:

- November minutes were unanimously approved.
- Councilor vacancies – Fr. Jose requested contact be made with parishioners for possible replacements.
- Gigs, Geeks and God Conference - January 9, 2020-Amy and Chris K will be attending.
- Parish Organization Chart-Hans will update each quarter.
- Volunteer to host Sunday coffee one month-PC is interested and will let Stewardship know.
- Liaison committee reports
  
  * Building and Ground is looking at a way to have more information present about the parish in the narthex. For example Pastoral Council member information, events, prayer and worship, etc. Also exploring having a more prominent collection box for visitors to the Cathedral. Poor boxes in the wall are not very prominent and visitors ask about making a donation.

- February meeting be prepared to report on your liaison assignment

- Issue Log Reviewed

Next meeting: Please note meeting date changed to January 14, 2020.