

St. Mark's Parish Pastoral Council

December 14, 2016

In Attendance:

Arsenault, Sr. Mae
Beyea, Dianne
Breen, Fr. Don
Carey, Pat
Carvell, Trinda

Glasgow, Mary Alice
Hache, Charles
Howe, Marilyn
Isaacs, Denise
Johnson, Kayla

Lawlor, Bill
MacDonald, Mike
Murphy, Dave
Stroud, Anne

Absent:

Drummond, Mavis

Ellis, Wendy

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Pat Carey at 6:30pm.

The opening prayer was led by Charles Hache.

Following Pat's review of highlights from the November 9, 2016 PPC meeting, the minutes were approved on a motion by Denise Isaacs, and seconded by Charles Hache.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1. **"Did you know?" (DYK) Program:** Update by Anne Stroud: Anne updated Council regarding the status of the three DYK's that are in progress. Library Coordinator, Chris Little, has now confirmed that the Library Open House will be held on February 12. The Library "DYK?" has been completed and will appear as a bulletin insert on the weekend of February 4/5. The draft version of the "DYK?" for the Men of St. Mark's has been approved by the "Men". Wendy has indicated that she has a photo that can be added to the insert. Once this has been done, Anne will circulate the "DYK?" to Council via e-mail. The "DYK?" will be issued in March of 2017. Of more concern, is the proposed "DYK?" for the Catholic Women's League (CWL). Helen MacDonald had requested that Council issue the "DYK?" in January; however, the draft version was provided to Helen in early November, and she has not yet contacted Anne with input or a preferred issue date. Given the tight timeline, Anne is unsure whether we can now complete the CWL bulletin insert for January issue. Dianne volunteered to contact Helen.
2. **Designation of PPC members as liaisons with specific active parish ministries:** All members. A round table was conducted, with most members reporting that they had already contacted the coordinators of the ministries with which they have been designated to liaise:
 1. Anne reported that she has contacted Bill Stroud (Lights, Camera, Faith!) and Jean MacDonald (Peru Committee). See updates below regarding these two ministries.
 2. Denise reported that she had contacted Paula Binette (Home Communion) and Helen MacDonald (Art and Environment). Denise assisted Helen in preparing a description of the Art and Environment Ministry, which has been forwarded to Pat for our parish website.
 3. Charles reported that he has contacted Maynard Robart (Liturgy) and Brenda Renaud (Music). Maynard was receptive to the idea of a PPC ministry liaison and Brenda seemed very keen. Brenda has a list of initiatives for discussion and she will provide Charles with this list.

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4. Sr. Mae reported that she contacted Lynn McLaughlin (Marriage Preparation) and a meeting has been scheduled for January.
5. Marilyn is both the Coordinator and PPC Liaison for Little Rock Scripture Study (LRSS). She is also a member of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) ministry and is in touch with RCIA Coordinators, Jackie and Alan Beckingham. Marilyn indicated that she is willing to give Council a presentation about LRSS.
6. Dianne reported that she had contacted Shelagh Sherwood (Funerals), Lori Scovil (Scheduler) and Jennifer Fabrizi (Baptism).
7. Trinda reported that she had met with Jennifer Fabrizi (Baptism), Jackie/ Alan Beckingham (Nursing Homes) and Rose Savoy (Seniors). Trinda learned a lot about the ministries provided to seniors and to those in nursing homes. Please note: Diane and Trinda will confirm which of them will continue as the liaison with the Baptism ministry.
8. Kayla is both the Coordinator and PPC Liaison for Youth Ministry. Please refer to her update below.
9. Mike reported that, as his wife, Jean MacDonald is the Coordinator of the Syrian Refugee Initiative at St. Mark's, he has the opportunity to watch this Committee in action. He and Jean spent last Sunday with the family and had a meal together. Mike indicated that Jean would be happy to provide an update. Council agreed that this would be timely, as our mandatory one year sponsorship period is coming to an end in January of 2017. Jean will be invited to give Council an update at our February 2017 PPC meeting.
10. Pat is both the Coordinator and PPC Liaison for the Media Ministry. Please see below.

Additional discussion took place regarding some aspects of PPC's Ministry Liaison Project. Sr. Mae inquired whether getting information for the website ministry profiles was an objective. Pat encouraged PPC members to pursue this in cases where the profiles currently posted are incomplete or out-dated. Many profiles were carried over from the old parish website. Although they were edited by Anne, they were not all updated by the ministries. Bill mentioned that liaisons should be sure to ask their ministry contacts to tell us their concerns. Pat addressed the concerns of PPC members that coordinators with multiple ministries may be contacted by more than one PPC member. This led to a few changes in the designation of PPC liaisons. Trinda will act as the liaison for all ministries coordinated by Rose Savoy (Care and Concern, as well as Seniors). Previously, Dave Murphy had volunteered to act as the liaison with Care and Concern, but he had not had the opportunity to contact Rose yet, so the change will not be disruptive. Trinda will continue to liaise with the Beckinghams (Nursing Homes), while Marilyn will remain as the Beckinghams' liaison for RCIA, as she is a member of that ministry. Anne advised Council that she received the minutes of the November Liturgy meeting and the agenda of the December 14 meeting via e-mail. This was the first time that she had received meeting information from Liturgy. After some discussion, it was agreed that this was likely due to the assignment of a ministry liaison; therefore, Charles will contact Liturgy to request that future minutes and agendas be sent to him directly. Charles will review the Liturgy minutes and bring pertinent information to Council on Liturgy's behalf.

3. Youth Ministry: Update by Kayla Johnson: Kayla circulated copies of a document entitled "Youth Ministry Report Dated December 2016". This document presents the results of a survey completed by the Grade 7, 8 and 9 catechism classes, along with Kayla's key findings and a modified plan for engagement. Please refer to the attached document. Kayla thanked Wendy for her assistance in getting this survey to the students. Kayla was surprised to find that the Grade 9 students expressed little interest in "helpful activities", while the Grade 7 and 8 students voted for both "fun" and "helpful" activities. Also, the Grade 9 students are not interested in participating in activities with the younger

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students. It may be best for the Youth Ministry to focus on attracting students in Grade 7, in order to establish a viable group. Kayla may be able to offer activities that combine helping and having fun. Kayla is interested in having the youth prepare care packages for the homeless. Anne suggested that if Kayla decides to combine a pizza party with a movie, Bill Stroud could adapt one of the programs from Lights, Camera, Faith!. Mike suggested using short educational clips while sharing a meal. Mary Alice mentioned that she has film clips in her office which are suitable for various age levels, and she offered to make these available to Kayla. Mary Alice also has copies of "YouCat" (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) and "DoCat", which she will lend to Kayla, along with a game called "Confirmation Destination". Bill suggested using the format of "Minute to Win It". Other PPC members also offered advice and support. Kayla has contacts at other youth groups, who will share ideas.

4. Media Ministry: Update by Pat Carey: A Media Ministry meeting took place on November 22. Content on our website is still sparse. The focus remains on providing current information and photos and populating the calendar. A newsletter had also been suggested, but ministry members questioned what content would be available to put in a newsletter.

New Business: None.

Updates re: Parish Ministries:

- 1. Peru Committee:** Anne Stroud provided an update about the recent initiatives and plans of the Peru Committee. The annual book sale was held on the weekend of November 12/13. The public sale took place on Saturday, November 12 between the hours of 10am-3pm. Books were also sold following all three masses and after the Christmas carol concert on November 12. Between the concert and book sale \$2000 was raised for St. Luke's, Peru and funds were also raised for the Syrian Refugee Initiative. The Peru Committee will be selling tickets for a draw to win a beautiful framed floral acrylic painting donated by local artist, and St. Mark's parishioner, David Cool. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3/\$5. The Peru Committee plans to hold a "Postcards for Peru" event again during Lent 2017. A meeting will be held in January to finalize the details. The Peru Committee intends to send \$4000.00 to St. Luke's Parish before Christmas.
- 2. Lights, Camera, Faith!** Bill Stroud plans to offer this program again in Lent 2017. The theme for this Lent is the 5th commandment-"Thou shalt not kill." Three movies will be shown on Sunday afternoons: "The Pianist", "A Time for Killing" and "The Cider House Rules". The dates will be confirmed after consulting Dianne to determine when the hall is available.
- 3. Adult Faith Formation:** Denise Isaacs provided an update. An "Introduction to the Bible" workshop will be offered at St. Mark's during the morning of Saturday, February 18. Denise is organizing the workshop with the help of others, including members of the Monday evening LRSS group. This will be an informal event open to all parishioners. There is no set program. Light refreshments will be served. Denise will send information about the workshop to Pat so that it can be added to our parish website. Council was also informed of a retreat led by Fr. Jennings being held at Villa Madonna on the weekend of January 27-29. Members of all ministries are welcome to attend-not only catechists.

The closing prayer was led by Fr. Don.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7pm in Room 1.

Meeting will be chaired by Pat Carey. Minutes will be taken by Anne Stroud.

Opening prayer will be led by Mary Alice Glasgow.

Closing prayer will be led by Dianne Beyea.