

PPC Meeting Minutes
September 09, 2019

Attendees: Msgr. Dempsey, Chris Kelley, Jennifer Boldry, Heidi Christen, Jim Pink, Walt Falkowski, Eliah Najjar, Mary Kelly, Krista Testwuide

Absent: Tom Condon, Mike Shapiro

Opening Prayer: Chris

Approval of June Minutes: Approved

Introduction of Two New Members: Mary Kelly, Krista Testwuide

Pastor's Report (Monsignor):

- Religious Ed to start up shortly. There are 136 students who have signed up. May get a few more. Filled the 6th grade catechist spot that was announced at the Masses.
- There are 73 in the Confirmation program. This is a 2-year program and has already started. Approximately half will be confirmed in 2020 and the other half in 2021.
- Concern over the low weekly collections. This problem is common across our sister parishes of St Mary and Holy Cross. Since new financial year starting July 1, St. Pat collection are down 15.1%, St Mary down 15.2% and Holy Cross down 21%. Special donations for specific items do not seem to be impacted. Monsignor has been monitoring staffing and spending. Staffing is down over the last two years.
- Ministry Fair coming up on Sept 21, 22 – Monsignor will speak at all masses on the weekend of the ministry fair.
- Need more volunteers in general, especially need liturgical ministers. Hoping Ministry Fair will bring in some volunteers.
- Parking lot is complete. Very little issues, one light pole knocked over.
- Next major project is lighting in the main church.
- Need to replace phone system which will be taken care of after lighting.

- Comment about Facebook discussion about St Mary's having Religious Ed on weekends. Weekends may be more convenient and allow for better scheduling.

Renew My Church:

- No new activities – not scheduled for several years. Monsignor meets with the pastors from Holy Cross and St Mary routinely to talk about common issues.

Old Business:

Ministry Fair – September 21, 22

- Final preparation is on-going for the Ministry Fair. Heidi is working with JMS about marketing.
- There will be sign-up sheets for all ministries.
- Heidi developed a tri-fold hand out to explain the ministries at the parish.
- Still some concern that all the ministries will not have a rep at Fair.
- Hospitality table will be set up. Many of the Parish Council signed up to work this table.
- Set-up is Friday.

Status of database of parishioners' emails at St. Pat's

- Push to October when Tom is back. Original purpose was how to reach out to people.
- Jen talked to 2/3 business managers; half use Parish Data System (PDS) and half use Parish Soft. Both of these packages are supported by Archdiocese.
- Concept would be to complete due diligence as to what direction would make sense and determine whether we can use systems to help reach out to parishioners more effectively.

New Business:

- Transitioning Ministry – Will take this item up in the October. Some ministries have fallen by the wayside because the leaders may no longer have the time or have moved from the parish. There is not an active transition plan for these ministries if they are still needed. How do we transition? Some organizations have a defined succession plan.
- Discussed the need to develop a charter/by-law for the Parish Council. There currently is nothing from Archdiocese. Going to reach out to see if Holy Cross or St Mary have them. Very general booklet at Archdiocese; small booklet completed about 25 years ago. St Philip put together a charter/by-law. Their booklet was handed out for all to review. Krista, Mary and Walt to help Chris pull together information. Jen will email the business managers to determine whether they have such a document.
- Invite JMS to October meeting if Tom C is going to be there to talk about email / databases. He can also bring his camera to take pictures of new members so the board can be updated.

Suggestion Box – Chris to call Susan Lewin about extra key.

Up Coming Meeting Schedule

October 14, 2019
November 11, 2019
December 9, 2019
January 13, 2020
February 10, 2020
March 16, 2020
April 20, 2020
May 11, 2020
June 8, 2020
July 2020 – No Meeting
August 2020 – No Meeting

All meetings to begin at 7 pm and are held in the Community Room

Closing Prayer: Jim

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Pink