

St. Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes (UPDATED)

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Faith Formation (Father Andrew)

3.0 Introduction of Guests

- Support of those in urgent need (Brian Carlson, Yellow Springs Police Chief)
 - **Chief:** Justice System Taskforce...move the department in a better direction. Incorporated social workers in the department. One of the few in the country. YS is out of the regional drug task force...so the slot is open...filled with Florence Randolph..."Community Outreach Specialist" 60% of calls connected to help...less crime, more civil issues...people need help! "It has been amazing!" Working very closely with much of the community. 288 housing help. Rent help. Drug programs. Make the connections, but don't own. During the winter, 6 – 10 homeless come out of the woods and hang out at the department. Setting a model for small departments. Help the needy person in the moment...right here in Yellow Springs.
 - **Velda:** What can we do as a community to help troubled kids and our community? Can St. Paul bridge?
 - **Chief:** \$6,500 donations annually to the community. Officers handed out \$25 gift cards...instead of tickets. Tom's, Subway, Kroger, etc. "We are the front lines...homicide, drugs, alcohol" [and need new approaches]. Any help is welcome.
 - **Dan:** Categories of ways to engage? 1. As required 2. Programmatic
 - **Chief:** Can provide a security assessment...we want you to be safe
 - **Kathy:** Please put on the "daily" that St. Paul now has a Saturday Mass. Also Wednesday. And Sunday.
 - **Chief:** will add Saturday at 4. Very interested in released convicts..re-aclamation...want to start two years out.
 - **Velda:** mentioned an approved program
 - **Vickie:** can the YS PD drive through the cemetery from time to time
- [Catholic Climate Covenant and Catholic Care for Creation Movement](#) (Therese Borchers)
 - **Therese:** Found programs on the archdiocesan web site. Care for our creation. USCCB, Pope. Catholic Climate Covenant: offers lots of resources and potential for parish involvement. Will the PPC provide support? The Archbishop started the Ladato Si program to recognize parishes who qualify. 1. Facilities assessment 2. 10% of households have assessment 3. Social action
 - **Matt Fisher:** Affirms the program. Stewardship of creation. Philosophy of life. Pope Francis just sent video commemorating release of encyclical. Season of Creation, September. Earth Day, April 22. March 23 Ladato Si training. Community garden plots available in town.
 - **Heather:** the Marian Grotto area needs help by the way! Kathy: need sustained focus (plant and tend throughout the summer)

- **Kathy:** do we want to be a Ladato Si parish? Introduce the idea of Catholic care for creation. Form a group. Put info in the bulletin. (Kathy, Therese, Matt). Get things going this summer. Training on 21 March 1000 – Citizens Climate Lobby. Kathy has email providing details.
- Motion carried: Committee under Parish Life and Outreach
- Request from one of our parishioners: “Can we put a speaker in the Undercroft so that she [my wife] can hear Mass when she leaves with the baby?”
 - Our system has wireless speaker capability; the speaker is stored somewhere. Currently looking for it.
 - Kathy found the wireless speakers. Can be used in the undercroft or in the pews. Ear buds.
 - Heather: make sure families are welcome at Mass.
 - Matt: “Audio is available in the undercroft”
 - Tami: might want to look into a video link
 - Kathy: Tami’s in the paper “free medical clinic”

4.0 Approval of Minutes (January 8) Approved.

5.0 New Business

- Altar wall/mural refurbishment. (Father)
 - An artist who specializes in Church restoration gave us a quote for repairing the Sanctuary mural for \$7,000. Fr C has worked with Mr. Brausch before and his work is impeccable. 5 days. Week of 16th. Done by 21 March. Heather: Fumes? Father: will get a very flat non-lead paint. Could be paint fumes on Saturday.
 - **Father:** generous donation to cover the expense in hand! Motion carried!!!!
 - **Patty:** Mass Wednesday that week?
 - **Heather:** could this be an opportunity to educate folks on symbolism of the panels
 - 2nd opinion was solicited from a company called “Centennial Preservation” they do not want to touch it.
 - Wall was inspected by Trisco, the brick company that sealed the wall. The wall is holding up well, and Trisco offered to put a second coat of sealant on the exterior wall for free (!!) when they work on the Rectory chimney.
 - Mr. Brausch recommended looking into moving the Caravaggio painting to the Sanctuary.
 - So far, people have NOT been in favor of this. Thus, we will not be moving the painting to the sanctuary.
 - PPC agrees...no!

6.0 Commission Reports

Building & Grounds (Mike Breza)

- **Maintenance Priority**
 - Update on book holders. (Vickie)
 - Contract was submitted to Weberding Woodcarving on 3.3.20. Awaiting return. Collected enough to cover the 25% down. 17 have signed up.
- **Other Maintenance/Facilities Projects Pending or for Consideration**

- Repair of hole in stained glass window. (Father)
 - We have (1) quote for Stained Glass hole repair of \$2,000
 - 2nd quote has been solicited. They do not want the job. Too delicate.
 - a. 2nd quote company recommended simply sealing the hole as it is structurally sound. Mark Breza looking into it.
 - Spring Undercroft Painting Party chair required.
 - a. Father: volunteer or professional? Pro is painting the school. How about a quote...PPC says good idea.
- Copier/Folder/Duplicator (Father) DONE
 - Folder/Duplicator have been picked up and we got a refund on our lease. We get to keep the copier for free!
 - **NEED INPUT:** Since we now own (2) high-volume copiers, and the one in the kitchen is nicer, can we dispose of the one in the Undercroft? We could use the space. Father: can we toss the copier. Dan: volunteered to take the copier to GESMV for recycling
- **PROJECTS ON HOLD**
 - Crack in the ceiling. Companies contacted and waiting on quotes. Still waiting on quotes.
 - There are (4) areas that need to be addressed, according to plaster companies
 - a. (1) Upstairs ceiling crack over handicapped seating
 - b. (2) Upstairs above choir loft
 - c. (3) Downstairs wall next to main doors (NEW AREA)
 - d. (4) Downstairs South wall
 - i. Our new drainage should help the two downstairs areas. Both companies recommend testing the walls multiple times over the next few months to see if the walls dry. Mark Breza is keeping a log of test areas.
 - e. Kathy: also a growing crack by the elevator
 - f. Father: don't want to lower the humidity all at once. Will run the humidifier gradually.
 - Kathy: Ordered hand sanitizer stands and sanitizer. Maybe can order stands through St. Brigid. Contact.
 - Father: Corona Virus. Archbishop say no sign of peace. No Precious Blood distributed at Communion. Stay home if you're sick! Will reevaluate every week
 - Tami: The Priest might want to make an announcement at each Mass. Also, advertise the parish email subscription signup.
 - Kathy: updating the website calendar

Parish Life & Outreach (Patty Alexander, Karen McKee, Kathy Sanders, Dan Marion)

- Trappist Brewing event, 21 March following 4:30 Mass (Julius & Dan) aka: Lenten Beer Fellowship Father: can signup on the website.

- Email sent out and signup available on website

Liturgy (Fr. Andrew)

- Usher Lanyards (Vickie)

Education (Heather Ayers)

- Report on PSR, High School, and Adult Faith Formation.
- Enrollment: 10 families. 19 children. K – HS. No HS youth group meeting.
- 3 Family at parish sessions. Very important when the Priest comes...makes a great connection. Father: please send reminder!
- Families are very committed. They come prepared.
- Thanks for helping Vickie!!
- Plans to meet with Kathy, Tami, Patty to plan for First Communion and May Crowning on May 3. Reception scheduled afterward. Short but meaningful.
- There is a family who wants to use the undercroft for their family reception
- Adult Faith Formation...Bible Study: Father John's invited to participate.
- Heather is prepared to help children who may have missed sacraments (Communion, Confirmation)
- Tami just got back from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. 14 in St. Brigid group. Catholic tours are the only tours that get to have Mass. Mass in Christ's tomb. Via Delarosa. 800 photos and journal. Very willing to do a talk for the parish.
- Guidebook & Directory: advertising? How about trying to sell? We don't do the bulletins, so why not the directory? Kathy: when? Father: Guidebooks out by Easter...Kathy: why not delay to August so we have time to pull advisers.
- Senior Breakfast – Kathy and Heather to discuss.

Finance (Brad Wilson)

- Brad Wilson report.
- Grants & Funding Opportunities (Velda & Julius). Father: deadlines coming up quick. Let's focus on next year. "Cleaning of Painting" Could get it paid for. 2021 effort.
- Velda: How about forming a committee to focus on fund raising? Velda will spearhead the effort and recruit members. Workshop. Tami: Mary Fisher is very interested similarly. Kathy: bring up at the Finance meeting. Based on Exodus.
- April 15 next Finance meeting

7.0 Next meeting- Let's not meet in April, due to Lent and Easter. May 13

Plans for weekday Mass while Father John's away in May...cancel

8.0 Adjournment and Closing Prayer

9.0 Council Attendees

Parish Council Members	Role	Attendance
Fr. Andrew Cordonnier, pastor@stpaulyellowsprings.org , 937-372-3193	Pastor	X
Fr. John Madanu, associate@stpaulyellowsprings.org	Parochial Vicar	X
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Kathy Sanders, kathysanders4@gmail.com , 937-272-0413	Vice President	X
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Vickie Hoomes, ybhoomes@aol.com , 937-360-4569	Member-at-Large	X
Karen McKee, caseym1200@yahoo.com , 937-767-4641	Member-at-Large	X
Commission Representatives		
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	Education	
Tami Whalen	Finance	
Fr Andrew Cordonnier	Liturgy	
Patty Alexander, Karen McKee, Kathy Sanders, Dan Marion	Parish Life & Outreach	
Parish Staff		
Brad Wilson, finance@stpaulyellowsprings.org ,	Business Manager	x
Heather Ayers, cre@stpaulyellowsprings.org , 937-561-8646	Coordinator of Religious Education	x

Guests:

- Matt Fisher
- Brian Carlson
- Therese Borchers
- Julius Martin