

All Saints Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

7:00 PM Assumption Hall

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Led by Richard Shelson, Chairperson
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda** – Add to New Business 6a: K of C Amalgamation of Councils Report. Accepted by Phil Pothier/Helen Manzara - Moved
- 3. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes** – Change to 4h: Candlemas date changed to 312 A.D. – Accepted with changes by Shelley Thom/Helen Manzara - Moved
- 4. Pastor's Report** – Fr. Kevin
 - a. Feast of the Presentation of Christ/Candlemas – It was a wonderful experience and it was nice to use the candles again – real candles are always used. The Priest Council feedback to the Bishop was that it was not usually celebrated but it really is an important part of our Tradition. It is more commonly celebrated in the U.S. and Eastern Canada. The idea is to bless candles and have the Light of Christ in our homes. We should remember that not everyone everywhere is allowed to have real candles in their homes so this still needs to be reviewed.
 - b. Healing Mass – It was celebrated the last week of January and it went very well and 90 people were fed. Pope Francis was considering how many healing Masses we should have as a parish. We have two at this time but maybe we need to add one more.
 - c. Retreats – Grade 3's are done and a big thank-you to the CWL Ladies. It was noted that these children know Christ, even if they may not be sure about the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It is noted that approximately 30% are sacramentalized, 40% are not sure and 30% are Catholic but not sacramentalized. Grade 6 Retreats are coming up where they will make sandwiches for the Shelter as part of their Social Action. Many are compassionate for our homeless.
 - d. Chili Supper – It was a great success. Thank-you to all who helped.
 - e. Cover of Statues/Crosses for Lent – It has been decided throughout the Diocese that the coverings will happen on the 5th Week of Lent.
 - f. Financial Report – See attached Financial Report. Some concerns asked regarding this Report – 1) Revenue – sole fees are fees for funerals and weddings, rental to use the Parish (we have had less funerals this year so this is why this amount is down), 2) Other is a bunch of small accounts such as the Chili Supper, Plant Sale, CD's

from Lighthouse, Missalettes, etc. 3) Youth Ministry is down, 4) Candles are not always being paid for in the church. This helps our revenue a bit. 5) Expenses – Salaries and contracts are being paid, it is right to pay a just salary for work, 6) Property Maintenance is a major cost. St. Patrick’s maintenance, as always, carries on. As well as \$26,000 for the lower roof at Assumption; gas lines to meet code; and the furnace/air exchange unit in the office is leaking CO2, 7) Diocesan Support is where we give back to the Diocese, for example, to pay for the Bishop’s extra costs, 8) Bequests showed a plus this year however they always come out of Revenues. They are tax deductible, etc. – There are a lot of charities in this Diocese who are struggling. We are blessed that we have been able to make our Together In Action these past few years, as well as give money to needy charities such as the Soup Kitchen, Catholic Education (for bussing), for Mission Mexico (letter to All Saints from the Bishop available to be read at the Church Office), etc. The Financial Statement does not reflect the poverty of many members in our parish.

- g. Together In Action – We are requested to raise \$77,000+ this upcoming year.

5. Old Business – No Old Business

6. New Business –

- a. All Saints Knights of Columbus Councils - #5726 and #1490 will begin discussions on trying to merge both Councils. A committee will be appointed to start things rolling. The first meeting will be on February, 2020 for this committee.

After the PAC Activity, discussion ensued about the New Church and what SOCA may do regarding Rome’s indecision at this time.

7. PAC Activity – Social Justice – See the next page

Another video to watch is on Youtube “Ash Wednesday in 2 Minutes” by Busted Halo

8. Adjourned

9. Future Meeting Dates: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Assumption Hall –

April 22nd, 2020

May 20th, 2020

June 17th, 2020