

Pastoral Council and Stewardship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
5:30pm

1. Opening Prayer

2. Survey Priorities and Action

- Identify "Quick-Hit" action items (continued from July meeting)

Follow Up:

Mark: will talk to Barb about the large print missals that he has found and timeframe to get those ordered

Response: The Missals we have are the largest print available from this publisher. Would likely need to have a common publisher in order to ensure we have the same music available.

Next Steps: Check with the Diocese Worship Office (Kim Mandelkow) and talk to Celeste about this missal to find out why this was chosen and whether it was for the music selection.

Arlene: With Donut Sunday and wine and cheese will talk to Barb about having the round tables set up along with the rectangular tables grouped together.

Check with Melissa and Nicole on whether the current table set up will work for youth group

Garrett: Facebook/Social media kind of set folks up to respond to it -- those that are attending events, ask them to respond. And consider looking into someone setting up an open facebook account. We know facebook is closed and we think it makes sense to keep it that way to ensure appropriate content.

Ali created a twitter account @smhparish.

Ali set this up and Garrett is going to talk to Nicole and Melissa to figure out a way to get best use out of our new Twitter account. If anyone wants to be an admin, contact the McClain's.

Will be in the newsletter and on website and bulletin.

ALL: try to remember to post things out to twitter/respond.

Arlene: ask Celeste about having Christian music (youth) prior to mass

Celeste is very open to these ideas but there are some participation and scheduling concerns.

Susan about children's liturgy of the word. including it in announcements or 'attendance sticker' 1st and 3rd: Children's liturgy participation: Invite specific people during mass, announce, give the kids a specific invitation or 'golden ticket' to invite them

Will start it up in September, likely the 19th and just on Sunday's.

Arlene: Ask Barb about texting tools (constant contact) and having additional e-mail updates and ask Joe and Lori about publishing Finance council minutes

Given the twitter account and increased e-mails, doesn't seem like we should just focus on these for now.

Lori: Ask father to wear flippers to encourage participation in swimming party:)

ALL:

Bulletin board of summer vacations and publish in bulletin

- Brought up at the Knights meeting but also cautioned not to consume the bulletin board.

Publish all minutes to website -- Pastoral Council, Finance and Stewardship
This has been done. Note on Pastoral Council page to indicate 'Meeting held in conjunction with other'

- Discuss updates and how to involve parishioners

Susan: Draft up announcement about updates on progress we've made on survey results

Announcements

Want to keep this in front of people. Weekend of September 10/11 and touch on the following:

- § **Invite people to participate**
- § **Additional social activities**

Garrett will do 10:00am mass

Cory will do 5:00pm mass

Volunteer for 8:00am?

- Long term plans
 1. Consider coffee and donuts alternated every week between
\$90 for donuts
\$45 for wine and cheese
Wondered about how this went over during 'Catholics Come Home' as it seems like the participation went down. The money is not the issue but volunteers may be an issue.
Consider doing it just during special times.
 2. Meals to newborns and rideshares: Maybe do this with helping hands effort OR post to bulletin board but maybe and ensure it's also in announcement/bulletin
Would need someone to head those up.
 3. Revise time and talent survey to gear towards specific volunteer needs
 4. Volunteer dinner where maybe church provides main meal and/or potluck
 5. Make sure that when we're doing these outings we not only publicize but we keep doing them even for low attendance (don't cancel) even for low attendance
 6. Hooking up with other churches to join them
 7. Having people come and share their stories
Bill Dunbar has been working with Iowa State on Monarch butterflies which ties into On Care for Our Common Home
 8. Special interests: Yoga (recurring), running (one interest)
 9. Kippy's socials or breakfast after mass
 - § **Just check with Kippy's to see if back room is available**
 - § **Follow Up: Cory will call to see when available and invite informally and on short notice and maybe use the bulletin board to announce.**
 10. Parish gathering at the annual Elkhart hog roast
 11. Meals to those who are ill

Would need someone to head those up.

12. Ringing bells during Consecration
13. "Exit interviews" for those who leave our parish to understand why they are leaving
14. Focus on young couples to do follow up questions/e-mails.

Next Up:

- **Cory: Kippy's**
- **Barb: Time and Talent survey, stamped addressed envelope**
- **Susan: Make an update on the time and talent to make it a one-pager.**

3. Newsletter -Deferred, address via e-mail

4. Picnic - Deferred, address via e-mail

- Chicaqua? **No, not this year**
- \$150 Rental with Sunday dates of 9/4, 11, 25 available
- <http://www.mycountyparks.com/county/Polk/Park/Chicaqua-Bottoms-Greenbelt/Facility/Chicaqua-Longhouse.aspx>

Cory will check with balloon/magician to see if available for church picnic on 9/25.

5. Helping Hands