



Our Lady of Victory Catholic Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2016

Attendees:

Laura D, Dan T, Fr. D, Kathryn P, Tim C, Ann G, Andrea L, Kathryn L, Jeff S, Eric F, Catherine R, Dan S, Chris R

Absences:

Lisa M, Jack B, Kevin J, Vince S, Bob L, Matthew M, Tracy D

Opening Prayer: By Dan S.

Formation: By Fr Denis

Triumph of the Holy Cross and Our Lady of Sorrows

Old Business

- Approval of Agenda: Approved by Chris R and seconded by Eric F
- Approval of Minutes: Approved by Laura D and seconded by Kathryn L
- School Update by Dan T
 - Expected different setting upon arrival including a community needing healing
 - Sees a great cohesive staff that kept things together in difficult times; the events of the past year brought them closer together
 - High level of student involvement at mass
 - Doesn't believe in "forcing" a prayer session during off-time and has started a
 - Mr. Cross planning a Veteran's Day mass where Band will play at end.
 - Tuesday morning optional session. So far, well attended (~17). Good feedback.
 - Back to School went well.
 - Working to be in classroom 25 or so times per week
 - Teachers do not acknowledge him when entering to ensure focus is on lesson
 - He feels welcomed by all
 - New hires working well and taking charge of their areas.
 - Wing meetings have started and he has visited all of them.
 - Accreditation planned for later this year. We could have waited another year, but it says a lot about the school and staff to want to have this happen, especially this year.
 - Accreditation is not about what's wrong, but rather, what is working well and to affirm the self-study.
 - Believes we will get positive credit on the accuracy of our self-study.
 - Need to create a solid and consistent allergy policy.
 - Will invite parents to help with policy forming.
 - Need more training. Teachers know what to do in emergency, but parents and subs need training.
- Christmas program
 - Can't find location
 - Need at least 1000 seats, expect space problems
 - Most off-site locations will be expensive
 - Talked about a matinee that people could attend instead of a second night performance
 - Maybe limit tickets per family, or limit activities the night of.
 - Look at various off-site locations and see if any local venues would support.
 - Mr. Cross will expect good acoustics.

School Appreciation by ALL

- We will continue every other month with a token of appreciation.
- Sept/Oct appreciation will be breakfast at the prayer meeting.
- Dan T will send note to staff to notify
 - Kathryn P will set up Sign Up Genius for set up, clean up and food

Northwest Wayne Vicariate Meeting – Kathryn P, Ann G

Tracy D. will continue and need a new Rep.

Meet about 4x per year at St. Michael's in Livonia

Meeting lasts about 2 hours. Starts with mass before 7:00 meeting.

21 parishes participate, 2 reps from each

Supported by Bishop Reiss and Msgr. Kasha

Dan Stedem agreed to help.

SAC Update

No update

Dad's Club Update

First dance on 9/16

Reputation is Dan T's concern

Not a school function even if at school

Ample supervision and rules from last year in place, so no issues expected.

Alcohol still allowed at events (Quiz Bowl, etc.) but can't be sold.

→ Does this impact picnic? Save for later update

PTO Update by Andrea L, Ann G

Working on by-laws.

Shoe policy used to require separate pair for gym, causing issues with changing and having shoes that go unused. This year will allow you to choose what you want.

Uniform shoes are black or white

Look at new policy for next year.

Using new finance format.

School outings and fund raising plans well underway.

Committee chairs assigned. Fun Fair still open.

Lunch volunteers acceptable.

Picnic Update by All

Most people seemed to like new location and it has more shade. Closer quarters allowed for more fellowship.

People liked that play area, bounce houses and bathrooms did not require you to cross road or separate from general area.

Parking limited, may need to reserve and advertise closer spots for seniors.

New co-chair is Tina Bak as part of Hospitality. Dan still willing to help as needed.

Scavenger hunt created by Tracy was very well received.

Decision made to keep at new location. Will be reserved early next year to secure spot.

Food catering went well. Will look to add more burgers and less hot dogs next year.

Evangelization Update by Laura D

Prayer series begins Sept 20/21

Delayed in getting out sign up info

Registrations slowly coming in

Formed – a FORMED is a digital gateway to the Catholic Teaching for the entire parish. Can sign up on line with Parish code. Code open to everyone and can be put in bulletin. Offers wide selection of books, tapes, videos and the like.

Long Time / New Parishioners Social 10/8 after 5p mass in Martha/Mary Room

Invitations to be mailed on 9/16

PPC to support with set-up, clean up, serving and greeting.

Eric and Resa F, Andrea L and Family, and D. Stedem will support.

Would like to see this given to another committee now that it is running.

New Business

Next Meeting: October 20, 2016

Closing Prayer: By Kathryn P.