Sheboygan Southside Catholic Parishes Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2020

Present: Jerry Hittman, Fr. Paul, Fr. Subi, Mary Jo Grabner, Larry Thill, Cheryl Feld, Tammy Pautz, Chris Yang, Margaret Ausloos, Tim Grasse, Ken Miller, Ann Flad-Jesion, Jean Babisch, Jeanne Kleijunas, Andy Kittleson, Laura Jacobchick, Nathan Stauber, Jane Bachman

Absent: Jim Bichler, Mary LaViolette

Discussion Items

1. Parish Mission Recap Questions
   Fr. Paul received a grant from the Lilly Foundation which helped with his sabbatical. There was also money in that grant for the tri-parish mission when he was gone. The closing report is due September 2020. We discussed the second and third sections on Renewal. II: Fr. Paul had a renewed spirit. There is a sense of spirituality that the Holy Spirit is leading Fr. Paul in trying to make changes and bring the spirit to all three parishes. The staff and councils took more ownership of decisions. IIIA and B: The Sunday Experience came out of this sabbatical. The parishes were excited to see Fr. Paul’s presentations and pictures. Renewal is always good, whether recreational, spiritual or to learn something new. IIIC: Encourage other parishes to start planning in advance and get the parish(es) involved with the planning of the sabbatical. The expectations of what need to be done or achieved need to be clear. The sabbatical was very well planned and Fr. Bob Lutz was a good temporary administrator, which was key for the parishes during Fr. Paul’s absence.
   IV: Overall the response is overwhelmingly positive and should rate 9-10.

2. Sunday Worship Experience
   a. Christian Formation is working hard on the program and is now needs more volunteers to help with events and keep it growing.
   b. The experience is expanding to Saturday evenings during Lent.
   c. Morning prayer will be held on MWF before masses.
   d. Trying to think of ways to get families with small children to mass. Ideas included having a Sunday evening mass with more contemporary music. The IC Sunday Mass has a social after that is growing in popularity. Get more children involved with Mass or choirs helps.

3. Amazing Parish

     Surveys will be distributed started next week. The general survey dates are from Feb 23- March 23.

     The next Amazing Parish training will be on Thursday, March 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at SSCM. Members of the Finance Councils will attend. Any Pastoral Council member who did not attend the September retreat are encouraged to attend.
4. Beyond Donuts Presentation Discussion
Those who attended thought the presentation was very good. It was recorded and can be found on the web site, or contact Georgeanne. There were many great ideas: a) have someone meet new people after masses, b) have a nametag Sunday – possibly for Stewardship Sunday?, c) incorporate the Hospitality Prayer at mass, d) work on making signage for doors, rest rooms, etc more welcoming, e) ushers should have training, know things, be more welcoming, f) give coupons or packets to new parishioners to enjoy our festivals. It was a good presentation and discussion.

5. Communications Update
The new format is in place. There is more content, more room for committee information, spiritual issues and content for our parishes and CCA. We are currently limited by the contract for number of pages, but the goal is to add four more pages.

The web page is being built. Christine is working on a project for school and that portion of it, the RCIA section, is going live soon. The calendar and website will be more interactive. The hope is to open it to the ministries where there will be public and private portions. This will help with communication.

6. Commission Reports
      • Secondary letter was sent out and received another influx of pledge cards. Will follow up with phone calls.
      • The spring booklet is being worked on for the May 2-3 Time and Talent weekend.
      • See packet for meeting minutes and additional information.

   c. CCA – No report.
   e. Human Concerns – No report.

7. Pastoral Report –
   a. The calendar is very full. Just this weekend, in addition to regular Masses there is: an intergenerational Sunday Experience, The Men of Christ making calls from SSCM, the CCA Winter Extravaganza on Saturday, party for Fr. Dick on Sunday, the Boy Scout banquet, 40 days for Life kick-off event and the start of the surveys.
   b. Ash Wednesday is on February 26. Masses 8:30 a.m. IC, 4:30 p.m. SSCM and 6:30 p.m. SPC. Stations of the cross are every Friday during lent at all three parishes and two Hmong stations will also be held.
   c. March 1 will be the Sunday Experience with Adrea VanAsten discussing the symbolic connection of the Seder meal and how we worship every week.
   d. March 8 is Confirmation at 2 p.m. at SPC with Bishop Haynes.
e. Fr. Paul would like to call an extraordinary meeting for SSCM Finance and Pastoral Council members to discuss Warming Center possibility.

8. Finance Updates
   a. IC – No report.
   b. SSCM – No change; income is a little lower. The committee will meet with US Bank to discuss investments and trust fund.
   c. SPC – Had their meeting with US Bank to review investments. The market has been good. Budgeting is ongoing.
   d. CCA is sending postcards to all families with children in a large portion of the county. Pushing school choice and good education.

9. The next meeting will be on March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at SSCM. Please note the venue change.

Respectfully submitted 2-21-20, MJG