



Joint Pastoral Council Minutes ~ January 18, 2017 St. Joseph

Pastoral Council Members

Fr. Dennis Robb, *Pastor*
Cathy Wiswell, *Regional Administrator*

Fr. Leonardo Pestano, *Parochial Vicar*

Julie Fisher, QA, *Chairman*
Ray Daignault, SJ
Mike Flynn, SJ
Per Saelid, SJ
Regina McGovern, QA

Michael McNulty, SJ
Harley Robinson, QA
Tom O'Donnell, QA
Jacquelyn Witte, SJ, *Secretary*

Pastoral Council Members Absent:

Kathy Gonzales, QA

Emilie Thornton, QA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Julie Fisher at 9:30 AM. There was one guest, Janice Robinson

I. Opening Prayer Jacquelyn Witte led the opening prayer.

II. Parishioner Comments None

III. Approval of Minutes The November minutes were accepted as written.

IV. Commissions

A. Categories Julie distributed a list of the commissions and the parish groups under each. A number of corrections were made. Julie will email the final list to council members.

B. Reports Submitted Commission Reports were emailed to members. Each month one commission will make a verbal report to the council. Father would ideally want the report made by a non-council member.

Jacquelyn reported on the status of the 6 member Communication Commission. The mission of this commission is to oversee internal and external communications for the parishes. Their first goal to have group bulletin boards in Saint Joseph parish hall will be completed within the next two weeks. The second goal is to improve awareness of commissions by highlighting one commission in each joint parish bulletin. This proposal was approved and the Communications Commission information will be published by the first of February. The others will follow in alphabetical order. The space assigned in the bulletin is three by five inches and must be submitted to Cyndi before 9 AM the Monday prior to the Sunday distribution. Jacquelyn will send a schedule with criteria to all Pastoral Council members. The liaisons for each commission will make sure the commission chairperson has the list and assigns someone to submit on schedule.

A third and long term goal is to help parish groups promote their committees and activities. The commission proposed that they invite one or two representatives from each group to attend a meeting to learn what resources are currently available to them for communications with the parishes and the community. There will be a separate meeting for each parish with refreshments served. This is an opportunity for group feedback on communication needs and possible future methods. This proposal was also approved and the meetings are expected to occur in March or April.

V. Pastoral Council 2017/2018 Goals

A. Catechesis- Sequim St Vincent de Paul Society has been trying to increase the faith formation and spiritual growth as an organization. Materials from the national organization and Archdiocese have been used. Tom will locate for Father Robb some of the RCIA-like pamphlets that the Knights of Columbus publish.

B. Apologetics- Evangelization committee is looking at three possible programs. The focus is how to address issues that non-Catholics most often question.

C. Community Fellowship- Nothing new since the county fair participation. Trinity Lutheran Church has not been in contact regarding a joint event.

VI. Pastoral Council Goals for 2018/2019

A. Each council member should bring 2-3 goals for next year for consideration at the February meeting. Instead of listening sessions, the goals will be requested from the various commissions by the Pastoral Council Liaisons to each commission.

B. Everyone on the council needs to determine council financial requirements for the next fiscal year. Last year we had \$1500 allocated to each parish for Pastoral Council activities. The requests for 2018/2019 fiscal year will be evaluated at the February meeting and submitted to the Finance Council.

VII. Pastor's Comments Advertise the commission meetings so that noon members feel welcome. Father will make announcements at the end of Mass if information of the meeting is submitted by email to Cathy Wiswell by midweek. It was also suggested to hand out flyers after Mass inviting parishioners to the meetings.

Ken Berkes has withdrawn from the Pastoral Council. We will have two positions to fill in June for St. Joseph and one or two for Queen of Angels.

VIII. Tom O'Donnell is the prayer person for the next meeting:

Saturday February 17, 2018 at 9:30 AM in St. Anne Room at Queen of Angels

VII. Father Robb gave the Closing Blessing.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by Jacquelyn Witte, Recording Secretary