

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Present – Tim Baillargeon, Lisa Denomme, Peggy Kelly, Marianne Kieswetter, Father David Lewis, Phil Milan, Andrea Visneskie, Barb Vodicka and Dan Ziegler

Absent - Iris Miltenburg

OPENING PRAYER – Tim Baillargeon

Approval of Previous Minutes – Peggy Kelly and seconded by Phil Milan

BUSINESS

25th Anniversary Fundraising Calendar - Lisa Denomme

There are still some calendars left. If you wish to purchase a copy, they are a free will offering. It was suggested that some of the calendars be gifted to those we visit in the outreach program.

St. Teresa Syrian Sponsorship Ministry Report – Marianne Kieswetter

The committee met on February 19th to see if we would continue with a sponsorship. It was decided to continue. The application was opened up to other refugees. The Ministry for New Canadians is the new name of the committee. We have a family of 3. They are coming sometime between April and June. Pat and Audrey Gleeson have a basement apartment for the family. The committee is upbeat.

Covenant Windows – Marty Merlihan

Marty is ready to present the windows. He has the script made up. A date has yet to be set.

Third Friday Adoration in the evening – Phil Milan

People are not signing up and it is not well attended. Donna struggled to get the slots filled. It was suggested to put it on hold and see if interest is expressed. It was suggested that a questionnaire be distributed. Phil will draft a paragraph on what Adoration is.

Quest – March 2nd to June 1st – Father David Lewis

The scripture study is on Thursday mornings and the focus is on the readings for the upcoming Sunday. It runs from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. A good dialogue transpires each week.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was on Friday, March 3rd at Trinity United Church, Elmira at 7:30 p.m. St. Teresa was well represented.

Good Friday 3 p.m. – April 14, 2017 - Phil Milan –

The Good Friday Service is at 11 a.m. instead of 3 p.m. due to the availability of our musicians.

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday, April 13th – at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 15th at 8 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th at 11 a.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16th at 10 a.m.

Church Lighting – Lisa Denomme

Currently there are high energy bulbs that cost the church a great deal in money. Changing bulbs to a more energy efficiency bulbs will save money. Lisa is bringing in some examples and method of extracting. The lower lights in the church are only being looked at.

Stations of the Cross during Lent – 6:45 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

Various groups are responsible for various dates. The Parish Pastoral Council will ask Donna for a date, perhaps March 31st.

Garden Party – Friday, June 9th - Lisa Denomme

Save the date. Planning has started. The money raised will be used for general church repairs. Volunteer sheets and donation suggestions will be out starting Mother's Day weekend.

25th Anniversary & Summer BBQ – July 2, 2017 - Father David Lewis

Bishop Crosby will be here on Sunday, July 2nd. He will be here for the blessing of our new Stations of the Cross and to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our church building. The Mass will be at 11 a.m. We will have a BBQ put on by the Knights.

NEXT MONTH'S OPENING AND CLOSING PRAYERS - Andrea Visneskie

CLOSING PRAYER – Tim Baillargeon

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 4, 2017

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REPORT

We are asking the parish to assist us with our Lenten Project. Donations are being accepted for Monica Place. An insert was in the bulletin listing items that are needed. Please drop them off in the basket located in the Narthex.

Stations of the Cross are being led by the Catholic Women's League for the residents at Chartwell Retirement Residence during Lent every Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m.

Please remember our Garage Sale on Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th when you are doing your spring cleaning or downsizing.

We have finalized plans for the Wills and Power of Attorney Information Evening: Wednesday, April 26th in the library at 7:00 p.m. Tracy Cronin, Lawyer, will be the presenter.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT...submitted by Ray Denomme

On Friday, March 17th, the Knights of Columbus are leading the Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa of Avila Church starting at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Our Lenten Fish Fry is on Friday, March 24th. We will need help in the trailer on Thursday night and also hall set up. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex during the month of March. Your volunteering will make this Lenten Fish Fry a great success.

The Maple Syrup Festival is on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Please volunteer your time again at our biggest fundraiser. Please contact Rick Weishar at rilech@cyg.net to book a time slot.

The Annual Charities Raffle tickets are now in. Please contact Guy Wakutz for tickets.

The next general meeting is on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at St. Teresa of Avila library starting at 7:30 p.m.