

CCBT Pastoral Council Minutes: January 18, 2024

Present: Fr. Jeff Chichester, John Balloni (Chair), Mary Krehling (Vice Chair), Jill Lee (Secretary), Eileen Bielemeier, Cathy Immerman, Karen Kaindl, Maryrose Balloni

Absent: Fr. Felicjan Sierotowicz, Paul Statskey

Meeting Called to Order: 6:10 p.m. at SMM

Opening Prayer: Leader Jill Lee

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ushering: All agreed with John's proposal that we return to passing the collection basket seasonally (during the more crowded months). Discussed obtaining past collection stats. An usher sign-up sheet needs to be posted at the back of both churches. Jill will post a bulletin blurb asking for ushers along with CASE training info.

Goal: Resume the collections this summer.

2. Parishioner's Questions:

a) Latin: Fr. Jeff explained why and when we do this. The council expressed the importance of communicating this to parishioners for more participation. The increased Latin responses will be seasonal, not Ordinary Time. Fr. will print out revisions for Lent; a bulletin insert was suggested.

b) Why and when to take down Christmas decorations.: Agreed it was proper to take them down post-Epiphany Sunday.

3. PC Meetings: Now they may be every-other-month if desired, and they will be scheduled when Fr. Jeff is in Clyde (not Newark). Next meeting will be Feb. 22nd, and there will be no meeting in March. We will resume meeting in April.

4. Trustee Nomination: Jill will get more info from Rosemary Seymour regarding term, responsibilities and process, with info forwarded to John.

5. Refrigerator at ST: Need for a new one discussed. Jim Basille volunteered to look at Lowe's for a "scratch and dent" deal.

6. CMA Update: 87% of goal attained currently. Deadline is unknown. The appeal was mentioned by Fr. Felicjan at ST last week. Discussion held.

7. Lenten Booklets: PC will distribute them at the weekend Masses before Ash Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ongoing Ministries:

a) Men's Group: John reports it's going well, 7-9 men, continues to meet the last Monday of the month.

- b) Women's Book Group: Resumes Friday, Jan. 26th, meets weekly, bulletin invitation in place (Jill).
- c) Walking with Moms in Need: Eileen reported on her visit to the Margaret Home in Rochester and plans to visit Joseph's House for Women in Syracuse. Mary Krehling kindly offered to accompany her. The bulletin blurb has generated interest in the other churches in our cluster. Joan Gullo at St. Michael's (Newark) would like to get it started there.
- d) Building/Grounds: Paul reports (via John) that all is going well, a leaking sink (ST) has been attended to. Discussion/question about the non-parishioner cars parked in ST parking lot.
- e) Caring Card Ministry: Karen sent out several cards (thank-you, missing you, sympathy). A few more cards were requested. Jill will put the blurb back into the bulletin (as it should be ongoing) with Karen's home answering machine number.
- f) Social Ministry: Food collection was over in Dec. The team helped families very generously with Christmas. The next Family Promise meal that CCBT hosts will be Monday, February 12th at the Day Resource Center in Lyons.
- g) Coffee Hour/Dinners: Next potluck dinner at SMM planned for Sat. Feb. 3rd with Lectors to announce and extend the invitation a week before.
- 2. PC Photos:** Maryrose Balloni did a beautiful job with the photos to be posted on the church bulletin boards to identify PC members along with their contact info.
- 3. Christmas Posters:** Maryrose and Jill placed invitations to Christmas Mass in our communities on behalf of CCBT.
- 4. Rosary Length:** Topic revisited, tabled until next meeting.
- 5. Eucharistic Miracles Panels:** Reserved for Feb., Eileen has been attempting further communication about the delivery of them, but is waiting on confirmation of how/when they get here. Discussion held. John and Bob Lee have trucks to assist if necessary. Suggestion for a flyer to be used to inform parishioners. Plan to split the panels between the two churches and swap them out mid-Lent. The panels will be a joint Lenten activity.

CLOSING PRAYER: Jill Lee

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 22, 2024 at 6 p.m. SMM

*Note: This is the 4th Thursday to better accommodate Fr. Jeff's schedule