

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Pastoral Council met on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019**. Father Charlie, Cris Bloom, John Switalski, Liz Reese, Marlene Gillan, Dee Treaster, Tom Parrish, Bob Hoffman, Joan Gavin, Diane Bremmer, Amy Timan and Sandi Craig were present. No members were absent.

As part of the Opening Prayer, we shared where we've seen God in the past few weeks. The Minutes from our December meeting were also approved with one correction.

Old Business:

Opportunities Booklet: Dee reported that the Booklet is now completed. She sent it out to key committees for updates/corrections, with a deadline of 01/15. Once finalized, Dee and Cris will schedule a meeting with Chris Wahlmark to discuss putting the content up on the Parish website. A method will need to be devised for keeping the Booklet current moving forward.

Hospitality Ministry Shortage - Progress Report: We again talked about the possibility of splitting Hospitality into multiple subcommittees in order to reduce the load on current volunteers. After further discussion, a four-part split was proposed: Refreshments, Hospitality, Bulletins and Pastoral Welcoming. These groups will be responsible for donut pickup/serving coffee, handing out songsheets/bulletins and welcoming/providing support for new parishioners. Tom volunteered to outline/flesh out the details in time for our next meeting.

How does our Ministry to the Homebound work? Joan gave us a better understanding of this important outreach ministry's background, mission and current activities. This ministry was started by Colette Orlandi over three years ago; it's made up of six volunteers, with Joan as chair. Their mission is to provide home visits (including Communion) to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass (usually 4-5 people at any given time). The ministry has since been expanded to include visits to Elmcroft and the Hospital.

Members are recruited from within the Parish and trained as Eucharistic Ministers by Deacon Jack (if needed); new members are also aided by current members until they're comfortable going out on their own. Arrangements for visits are made through the Parish Office. Parishioners are able to request a visit from a priest if desired for Reconciliation, etc.. Finally, Father felt that having committee members participate in the Recessional during Mass would help to further promote/raise awareness of this ministry.

Progress on Parishioner Nametags: As previously discussed, Liz will speak at all three Masses (dates TBD) about our initiative to provide nametags for any interested parishioners. Dee put together the sign-up sheet. Bob will make the nametags, and Liz will coordinate putting them into plastic holders and distribution. Boards with pegs for hanging the nametags will likely be mounted near the Sanctuary entrances.

Committee Reports:

Christian Service: Matthew 25: The Families in Need Giving Tree totaled \$5,176, which is \$1,075 more than last year. The Local Charities Giving Tree totaled \$2,307, \$410 more than last year. The Committee will be reaching out to local charitable organizations to offer assistance with special needs cases. Calls assisted 11 families/individuals during December, 2018. YTD Matthew 25 call expenditures for December were \$105 over budget.

Faith Formation: Amy reported that we made it to Christmas and had some great end-of-year wrap-ups/celebrations. Half of this school year's retreats are done; we're now looking ahead to the 7th, 9th and 11th Grade Retreats. Youth Ministry is up and running with Alyssa and Theresa; several new activities are in the process of being planned. Finally, an Arise meeting/training for Season 2 is being held on 01/10 with Sister Linda.

New Business:

Active Shooter Training: Emergency Action Plan Progress Update: Liz found some very detailed documentation to help with establishing a team and developing an Emergency Action Plan. Liz, Joan, Bob, Jeff and Amy will likely make up the initial team, with others who have appropriate training/backgrounds possibility joining later. Liz will discuss this initiative with Jeff and report back to the PC once a more concrete plan is in place. It was noted that this is a very involved project, so we need to be careful how it's implemented and make sure it's done well.

Concerns from Fellow Parishioners?

Cub Scouts Feeling Unwelcome: Jim Maund wanted to clarify that the Scouts are using space for various events, but aren't being charged a rental fee. There was a scheduling mixup at one point, but Jim followed up with the person who raised the concern, and it's been resolved.

Hanging Cross: Bob and his structural engineer settled on using small gauge wire as the cross's new suspension system; they'll schedule a time to have the work done. Father would like the ability to move the cross during Lent, which should still be doable with the new hardware.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: 8:29 PM