

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Pastoral Council met on **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**. Father Charlie, Cris Bloom, John Switalski, Liz Reese, Marlene Gillan, Dee Treaster and Tom Parrish were present. Bob Hoffman, Joan Gavin, Diane Bremmer, Amy Timan and Sandi Craig were absent.

As part of the Opening Prayer, we shared where we've seen God in the past few weeks. The Minutes from our November meeting were also approved with no changes.

Old Business:

Committee Clarifications, continued: Dee was able to obtain names/contact info for all committee heads. The only piece still being finalized is Faith Formation, which is the largest section in the Opportunities booklet. The booklet should be fully updated and ready to go by the next meeting.

Hospitality Minister Shortage: We currently have a major shortage of Hospitality ministers. People don't want to volunteer if there are shortages for fear of being put on the schedule all the time; however, we need more volunteers to alleviate the issue. It was suggested that we consider splitting the Bulletin/Greeter and Coffee roles, which has been brought up in the past.

What info needs to be given to parishioners about Matthew 25 and other ministries?

Information about this ministry (and others) will be in the Opportunities booklet, posted on the website and possibly in the New Parishioner Welcome packet. We discussed the possibility of asking representatives of various committees to make themselves available after Masses for a weekend to answer parishioner questions. We would also need to identify which ministries are most important and best resonate with people. Developing a means of obtaining volunteers and supporting Parish ministries was a key initiative of the Old Pastoral Council, but largely fell through. What new approach can we use to not only address immediate concerns, but also ministry as a whole?

Active Shooter Training: Formation of a committee to develop an Emergency Action Plan:

Liz is willing to head up our effort to develop an Emergency Action Plan. She'll also invite Bob and Joan to help, as they both have experience in emergency planning and have expressed interest in being involved. Liz is unsure of a timeframe for completion, but will do further research and go from there.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Net profits for the pancake breakfasts averaged \$425.00/per event. The breakfasts made for great community-building, not only for attendees, but regular volunteers as well.

Social Justice: The committee received an update on the Out-of-the-Cold Program, which Good Shepherd will be hosting January 14-27, 2019. A webinar by Catholic Charities USA about the efforts in the Cleveland Diocese to support immigrants facing deportation was also discussed. Work with local immigrant families continues, including efforts to help two Nicaraguan siblings seeking asylum in the US. Arrangements are being made to Skype with Sam Daley-Harris, author of the book “Reclaiming Our Democracy”. A petition was delivered to the State College Ford dealership regarding upholding Clean Car Standards that were agreed upon in 2011. Finally, AJ learned that Amy Timan is unable to meet with them this year regarding including Social Justice issues in the CCD curriculum; including this topic in next year’s lesson planning is a possibility, though.

Christian Service: Matthew 25: Calls assisted 13 families/individuals during November, 2018. YTD Matthew 25 call expenditures through November, 2018 were \$25.00 over budget. This included a special request to help a person with tow/labor charges for replacing a blown tire.

The Advent Giving Trees were put up in November and all children were selected. The gifts are being delivered to Sister Martha. The committee will continue to encourage donations for the remaining trees.

Faith Formation: No report provided.

New Business:

Parishioner Namtags: Liz drafted an announcement for parishioners regarding nametags. She’ll be attending all three weekend Masses (dates TBD) to talk about what has been proposed. A place will be needed to hang the nametags when not in use, such as hooks near the Library. Dee will help Liz finalize the documentation for this project.

How does our Ministry to the Homebound work? Father sent Joan some questions to help us gain a better understanding of this ministry’s mission and how they operate. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Concerns from Fellow Parishioners?

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: 8:36 PM