St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Cascia Hall East Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Fr. Michael, Ruth Adamczyk, Marilyn Butler, Carol Derga, Myra Fox, Bill Greinke, Leora Kaiser, Bob Mitchell, Pat Rossman and Jean Weaver. Also, in attendance were Dennis Collins and Sharon Gierahn, Trustees.

Guests: Deb Wollert, Jessica Knierim and Dan Schrank

The opening prayer and lighting of the Christ Candle was led by Father Michael at 7:05 p.m.

Stewardship Presentation: Deb Wollert went through her presentation regarding the annual financial appeal process and she reviewed the additional information forms that are also sent out. Deb also reviewed the fundraising policies. I have attached all the forms mentioned above for your review. Deb will distribute policies to chairpersons of our Commissions when she gets the list from Pat. It has been discussed that after the new members mass to start having the Kringlemingles again. A few other items have been discussed such as an event calendar and adding to the SR website that a "donate now" button be added so people may donate to the church with 1 click.

Prayer & Worship: Jessica Knierim went through her presentation and gave us more detail throughout. Under discussion was a request to have children's choir. The last time that this was tried only 3 kids signed up for the choir, there seems not to have any interest. She also mentioned that the screens in church there is a 50/50 split on liking and disliking the screens. The organ needs to be fixed and Jessica cannot find a repair person to take this on.

Hostile Intruder Training: Dan Schrank would like to hold a training session along with Dave Smetana (Pleasant Prairie Chief of Police) on November 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the church. At this time, he is looking for the approval from Father and the PPC to proceed. This topic involves all ushers, staff and parishioners. I have attached his email outlining this undertaking. Dan will be proceeding with this endeavor.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Myra Fox to accept the October 12, 2021 minutes as read and it was seconded by Lee Kaiser.

Pastor's Report: Liturgy on the move preparing for the upcoming holydays and holiday season. Marilyn Butler did some research on other parishes on they are getting families involved in the church. Maybe a movie night?? Fr. Michael said he had that at a previous church and the kids really enjoyed it. Also, it would be nice to have the church community to be the hub of the activity/events. He also mentioned that in some churches there is a division as some clergy is more traditional while others are not.

Capital Campaign Process Update: There is a need to start looking for the chairperson to take on the program; maybe have 3 to 4 people instead of just one. This task might not be so substantial for a group of people rather than just 1. Communication will be key so that the parishioners understand the needs.

Liaison Reports: Marilyn Butler reviewed the Stewardship minutes from the October 21 meeting. (I have attached those for your reference).

Lee Kaiser attended the virtual Deanery meeting on October 20. Some of the issues discussed were: what is the ideal number of members for a PPC, having a youth program to assist people in your parish with minor home repairs and the Archdiocese has created a black history PowerPoint presentation on their website.

Jean Weaver gave a verbal update on a couple of items from the PFC. Contributions are increasing along with the attendance to mass. We should be getting the final figure from the festival very shortly.

Planning Committee: The Annual Plan will be distributed by Pat for everyone's reference. It was mentioned that this is an ongoing task as we should have a plan/assessment for each year. It was discussed to have focus groups rather than sending out a survey. We will need moderators and scribes for each of the focus groups. Our target, of course, is to see what parishioners want to see at their church community. We need to have focus groups in the morning and evenings trying to fit today's busy schedules.

Open/New Items:

December: Human Concerns
January: Religious Education

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
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