St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, December 14, 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: Deacon Greg Petro and Dan Schrank

The opening prayer and lighting of the Christ Candle was led by Father Michael at 7:00 p.m.

Human Concerns Presentation: Deacon Greg went through his presentation in great detail. He listed all of the on-going ministries that fall under the guidance of Human Concerns along with the names of each chairman. He also reviewed the highlights of 2021 and the plans for 2022. Many discussions developed during his presentation.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the November 9, 2021 were approved as read.

Pastor's Report: Father Michael relayed a situation that happened on the day of the first reconciliation for the students of St. Rita's. Three young people came into the church in the morning and looked around and as they were leaving, they broke a clip on one of the doors. Before the 4:45p mass 2 people were seen taking pictures at the old CARES play area then they came into the church stayed for a bit then left. This is disturbing as the previous weekend some kids were running around the church during the day. Father is considering locking the church during the day as a precaution. Also, there was a discussion on installing electronic locks and cameras outside the church with focus on the horseshoe driveway.

Hostile Intruder Training Update: Dan Schrank brought in the minutes from the meeting held on November 20th in the church Narthex. In case of a hostile intruder and we need to evacuate the church, the meeting point would be the school gym. If you feel threatened do not hesitate in calling 911. If there is vandalism call the police and make sure a report is written for the insurance company. It was discussed that 15 minutes after mass has started the doors would be locked. Make sure you know the "safe" areas of the church and where the exits are. Also, a need for approval for parishioners who are off-duty officers and those with carry and conceal permits with special permits are allowed to have a gun. Father will contact the Archdiocese regarding the ramifications if a hostile intruder is shot on church property. I have attached the meeting minutes that lists all the action items that will be implemented and some that need further discussion.

Capital Campaign Process Update: Father put a notice in the bulletin for leader of this process.

Liaison Reports: The Stewardship Committee watched a video from the Archdiocese regarding how to get people back to church. They are in the process of exploring this mission.

Planning Committee: Bill read his update regarding the parish census and conducting a survey of the needs of the parish and parishioners. Debbie Wollert raised the question on the duplication of efforts between the Stewardship and Planning Committees. She was assured that they would not be the same.

Open/New Items:

January: Religious Education presentation

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
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