St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
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 was Dennis Collins and Sharon Gierahn, Trustee.

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

Approval of Minutes: The January 11, 2022 minutes were approved as read.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Michael reported that we have about 317 census returns to date. Father met with the Siena Schools and got our subsidized agreement lowered from 17.5% to 10% with a goal of $15%. Father did mention that in any advertising for Siena School Systems there is no mention of being catholic schools, it just mentions a private school. A discussion followed regarding our catholic heritage and how to get more young people involved.

Capital Campaign Process Update: Father is hoping to have a campaign leader identified very soon.

Liaison Reports: Building and Grounds will create a fact sheet for the parish on how much it costs to keep the monastery open. It will list the utilities and the cost for the repairs and updates that are needed which include: the cost for tuck pointing, plumbing, roof, electrical, elevator installation and the cost of maintaining the building. The parish will be asked for ideas of what the building could be used for if it was brought up code. Also discussed was the possibility of razing the building and that cost. Just for a reference point a commercial realtor would need to be contacted to see if anyone in the area would be interested in purchasing the building. The church offices would be moved into a portion of the narthex for a short time. Consideration would be made to add-on to the church with our portion of the monies from the upcoming capital campaign.

Festival Update: We will still be on the smaller side, but we will have ~~a~~ festival rides this year. Volunteer challenges are still with us. Everything is moving along with the planning of the food and contracting the bands. This brought up another discussion if the monastery was sold where would we have the festival? As the land in front of the monastery will be sold with the building and that land has all our electrical needs.

There were no other liaison reports.

Planning Committee: We have had approximately 317 census surveys returned to date. Carol Derga drafted the telephone scripts for our callers which we reviewed and updated. Carol will send Pat and Marilyn the revised ones. All the data on the census forms will be entered into our church database by Kathi Manchester. It was discussed to give the parish a status report on how the returns are coming in. The volunteers for the follow-up phone calls will be invited to a training session on Feb. 27th after the 10:30a mass in the narthex. Bill reviewed the Planning Committee notes he had for the PPC mtg. (see attached notes)

Focus Groups: Jean and Ruth spoke of their last meeting with Amy as this is a very time-consuming endeavor. Their current thinking includes 8 focus groups. Ruth went through the return census forms to get the number of parishioners that are willing to be in a focus group. The results to date are: 55 total responses, 20 individuals, 26 couples, 6 maybes, and 2 need more information. Jean elaborated on the questions that will be asked and how they plan on executing. For further detail please refer to the attachment.

Open/New Items:

We discuss the attachment "A Topic for Discussion" Bill explained the need for a common thread regarding more support for the commissions. The PPC should foster and assist the commissions with volunteerisms.

Marilyn went through the Stewardship annual appeal regarding time, talent and treasure and that the Stewardship commissions helps in recruiting volunteers for all of the commissions.

After much discussion it was determined that further involvement by the PPC in the volunteer recruiting process would be revisited after the Stewardship's annual appeal efforts.

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Tuesday, May 10, 2022

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
St. Rita Parish - Parish Pastoral Council