St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Church Narthex

Members in attendance: Fr. Michael, Ruth Adamczyk, Marilyn Butler, Dave Eberle, Ellie Hammond, Bill Greinke, Bob Mitchell, Pat Rossman and Jean Weaver. Also, in attendance was Trustee Dennis Collins.

Excused: Myra Fox and Sharon Gierahn

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis Collins to accept the November 8, 2022 minutes as read and it was seconded by Dave Eberle. One correction is to change the signature block from Pat Rossman to Marilyn Butler who took the notes at the November meeting.

Prayer & Worship Commission: Jessica Knierim gave us the annual presentation regarding this commission. The chairperson is Jessica Knierim, Secretary is Sharon Gierahn, new members are Anna Marie Smetana, Mary Ann Collins and Lisa Frechette. This commission meets quarterly and in October they meet to discuss the Advent and Christmas services. They will meet in February to discuss the Lenten season. Marilyn Butler is the PPC's liaison with this commission. Some of the activities they assist on is the scheduling of lectures, cantor schedule, order music and so on. It was mentioned that we are always in need of servers and EMHC volunteers. There are 3 parishes in the area that have no music directors, everyone is having a problem with volunteers.

Pastor's Report:

All Day Confession: There will be all day confession held this Thursday December 15th from 9:00a to 9:00p. The Stewardship commission will take care of welcoming people to our church and directing them to the priest that are available. Fr. Michael will take care of making the food to feed the volunteers.

Siena Request for Meeting: Father announced that a meeting with the Parish Council has been requested by Brad Berghouse, Archdiocese COO and interim Superintendent of Sienna Schools, along with Brenda White, President of Sienna Schools. Father further advised that in recent meetings with these people and the Siena Board of Trustees that we are being required to meet our full subsidy obligation of $77k for FY23. It was discussed and decided that a meeting of the combined councils & trustees with these people would provide an opportunity to get questions answered and points made to ensure a mutual understanding of both sides of the subsidy issue. A date of January 10, 2023 was selected. Father will offer them that date and Feb 14th as options. Discussion suggested that this meeting would be a great time to ask questions about accountability and allocation of funds and how we need to foster open dialogue with Siena and the Archdiocese.

Capital Campaign Update: Fr. Michael said as of December 7th. We have reached 130% of goal which means we have pledged $793,940.00 from 137 families that is 21% of the parish.

Father is considering a couple times a year to have a second collection to help with our deficit and asked for any suggestions on how else to rectify this issue. Dennis suggested that we communicate to the parish why we need the 2nd collection. A discussion followed.

Cascia Hall Update: Myra has spoken to a few people at SR and learned a bit about Caledonia's land use plans. She is hoping to have a project plan in place by February (maybe January) but she is running behind due to experiencing several family funerals in the past two months. Myra has been amazed and extends her gratitude to the SR family.

Building and Grounds is working with Rocco (architect) on what needs to be done in the Narthex to temporarily convert space for parish offices. They will be looking at the electricity, phone lines, heating, fire alarms and so on. Hopefully, we can start this project in the Spring.

Liaison Assignments: Myra will be stepping down from Human Concerns and Jean Weaver will be this year's liaison. Bob Mitchell will continue with the Parish Finance Council and Dave will be on Building and Grounds to facilitate coordination between the councils and the CHISC. We discussed the fact that while we post and share the PPC meeting minutes, nothing similar is being practiced by the PFC. Bob Mitchel will discuss this on with the PFC at their next meeting. It was also discussed and decided that hard copies of the PPC minutes should be placed in the narthex information kiosk (for the current month) and not just on our website.

PPC Bulletin Updates: Bill will handle putting in the bulletin once a month an update from the PPC on what is happening on the monastery investigation and any other projects.

Planning Committee: We will start moving forward with this Committee and the Focus Groups.

Committee Presentations: These will be cancelled in January due to the special meeting with the Archdiocese Siena School representatives.

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
St. Rita Parish - Parish Pastoral Council