

7:00pm Meeting called to order by Fr. Rogers

Attendance: Fr. Rogers, Fr. DeLucia, Michele Perry, Reen Kandray, Don Hehr, Pat Files, Ron Fasano, Jerre Patterson, Jim Leugers, Jim Campbell, Nancy Mikos, Gene Wasko, Kim DePietro, Pam Pasquale

Excused: Mary Welsh, Mary Jude Cernica, Absent: Anne Kravitz, Krisann Siman

- I. Prayer/Reflection: Fr. Rogers
- II. Approval of October minutes: Jerre Patterson, Ron Fasano  
Question: How many intention forms are usually returned? - Don Hehr  
Answer: 300-310, many of whom are already volunteering. Will get final count from Karen Stazak - Nancy Mikos
- III. Committee Reports
  - A. Spiritual Life: Mary Jude Cernica sent minutes from their November 6th Meeting. How to increase mass attendance was a topic of discussion. 12 new altar servers have been trained and discussion of how to get young people more involved.
  - B. Faith Formation: Kim DePietro reported that Advent Speakers have been secured for December 5th, 12th and 19th. They are planning the Lenten Mission. Faith Formation is looking for new members and thinking of a new event, possibly an Advent Family Activity in 2019
  - C. Parish Ministry: Veteran's Day Brunch was well-received and a success. They are in the middle of The Giving Tree program.
  - D. Gospel Outreach: Ron Fasano reported that about 100 people attended the A.C.T.I.O.N. meeting including 4 from St. Charles. Our Community Meal is coming next week. The Newman Center is trying to raise awareness of Social Justice and its outreach ministry. In 2019, Natalie Wardle will be taking on the Helping Hands Program. Gospel Outreach is also planning a clothing drive for El Salvador. Goodwill and A.C.T.I.O.N. will help offset needs. On Ash Wednesday, books will be distributed. Through her college study, Adrienne Curry is researching Racial Justice. She is looking for 8 volunteers.
  - F. Refreshments: Thank you Kim DePietro and Reen Kandray.
  - G. Old Business
    1. Approval of Mission Statement: Nancy Mikos, Jerre Patterson
    2. Holy Pittsburgh Trip: Don Hehr reported it was wonderful; remarkably fun day of mass, history, travel, and relics. Fr. DeLucia added that the Stations of the Cross they saw were one of two in the world that are life-size and carved of wood.
    3. Parish Security Meeting will be in December. Fr. Rogers reported that 4 or 5 parishioners will be asked to attend.
  - H. New Business

1. Review of Pastoral Council By-Laws Article II Sections 1 and 2
  - a. Began a review of Article II Section 3. Will continue at January meeting
  - b. Will approve changes at January meeting
2. Picture of Pastoral Council so parishioners can put a name to a face? Will decide this at the January meeting.
3. Question: Do other Pastoral Councils meet like we do and are organized as ours is? Do councils ever meet to share ideas? - Ron Fasano  
Answer: Not that I am aware. - Fr. Rogers
4. Fr. Rogers reported that there was a meeting at St. Christine of the diocesan priests. Two topics were addressed; the first were the recent abuse allegations and the second was the issue of the declining number of priests and how the diocese will handle it. It was reported that there are 73 active priests in the Diocese of Youngstown. 37 of them are 61 years of age or older. 4 priests serving our diocese are over 80 years old. 36 are 60 years or younger. In 9 years, the number of priests could be cut in half. 18 young men are in the seminary, between 1 and 10 years from ordination. A plan is needed and most likely meetings will be held to discuss re-alignment of parishes and the priests assigned to them. Currently, two parishes do not have pastors. In January, that number will be 3. Discussion ensued by priests, looked at different models but no agreement was made.  
Thanks were given to Fr. DeLucia and Fr. Rogers for their much appreciated words to the parish regarding the abuse allegations.  
Questions:  
Are we talking consolidation, but maintaining staff? Or sharing priests? - Jerre Patterson  
Will there be more parish leaders like at St. Luke? - Ron Fasano  
Answer: The problem is we need more priest presence, more manpower. Holy Family Navarre-Brewster (@200 parishioners), IHM Austintown (@800 parishioners) and St. Luke, Boardman (@600 parishioners) are currently run by Parish Leaders trained in finance and day-to-day operations.
5. St. Charles Preschool: strategic planning has begun. Alumni on this Committee will be gathering survey information in late January or early February. Jerre Patterson commented that he has noticed an increased number of little ones at mass.

I. Evaluation and Adjournment 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela J. Pasquale