

GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

581 East Fourteen Mile Road
Clawson, Michigan 48017

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes ~ September 18, 2018

In Attendance:

Rev. Tony Richter, Denise Ficorelli (Christian Service), Charlotte Paul (Worship), Bob Paul (Stewardship), Joyce Enderle (Stewardship), Betty Czaplicki (Education), Mary Lambrix (Evangelization), Dennis Thomas, Randy Maddock, Dave Swanson-Pres. (Parish Council).

The joint Parish Pastoral Council and Commissions meeting began with a prayer, welcome and explanation of the evening led by Fr. Tony and Dave Swanson.

The Commissions and committees then broke out to meet individually. Following the Commissions' meetings PPC reconvened.

Dave explained that he and Father Tony have called this gathering to find out where we are, and determine how we want to go forward. Dave is chair and the other existing PPC member is Randy Maddock from the original Council. Betty Czaplicki is representing the Education Commission, at least tonight. We will see where that goes after tonight. Christian Service representative this evening is Denise Ficorelli, Evangelization rep and chair is Mary Lambrix; Stewardship rep for this evening is Bob Paul and the Worship Commission rep and chair is Charlotte Paul.

Dave explained that there would be no formal minutes for approval at this meeting. The last minutes were from November 28, 2017 and Dave did not feel they needed to be brought back out. Minutes from tonight's meeting will be available for approval at the November 20 (2018) meeting.

VICARIATE COUNCIL Dave asked if anyone had discussed this position, or if anyone is interested in being one of two reps from Guardian Angels to South Oakland Vicariate Pastoral Council.

Mary described that the premise of vicariate pastoral councils is communication between parish pastoral councils and the vicariate to which they belong. Information from the vicariate is brought back to the parish council, and then is communicated to the parish at large. PPC information is also shared with VPC – VPC information is also shared with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC), which acts as advisor and counselor to the Archbishop.

Dave will attend next week's vicariate meeting at St. Vincent Ferrer to become familiar with it. He asked for any volunteers to become a representative.

Father Tony explained that the vicar–priest (for SO Vicariate it is Father Paul Snyder) represents his vicariate at the Presbyteral Council (consultative body of priests to the Archbishop) meetings.

Father Tony is also a member of this council, so can also bring AOD information back to GA.

Dave pointed out that communication is the key – even at GA, for the whole picture.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Christian Service (Denise Ficorelli)

Denise reported that Clare Taylor is stepping down as chairperson due to her husband's illness and Diane Peterson is also stepping down, so Denise is the only at-large member at this point. Laura Slowinski attended as a new member tonight. Right-to-Life is represented by Colleen Beaton, St. Vincent de Paul, K of C, and Oktoberfest by Terry Clayton. Also present were Chris Fry, president of St. Vincent de Paul and Adam Rada, Grand Knight of K of C. Shawn Bennis heads up Health Ministry.

There will not be South Oakland Shelter this year, which Kathy Schwartz had organized in the past. Clawson United Methodist Church who provided their facility for participants in SOS, has rented out their facility to another organization, so it is not available for SOS.

CS suggests a monthly event calendar to include in the Guardian, so that all events are clearly known; use social media, possibly make a small video for parish app.

Babysitting had been on the calendar for Christmas and Valentines' Day, but no one is sure if these will be held. Also a Christmas Eve dinner was discussed previously. Events can't happen without volunteers. Denise also reported that a friend of Laura's, Kirsten Jay, might be interested, so someone will get back with her.

Health Ministry requests a health corner or table to be visible, especially for blood pressure or CPR. Shawn mentioned that there will be a CPR class next Wednesday; Blood Bank next Sunday (Olga handles the blood bank). Shawn said that this particular ministry has so much information to share that affects many, many people, and hopes for a bulletin board, or small table for upcoming events.

Denise said that there is a proposal out there for a Welcoming Committee. Would this be part of CS or Evangelization?

Education (Betty Czaplicki)

This commission needs members as Betty was the only person at the table tonight.

For all groups we need to explain what the groups do, and what the goals are, for people to be interested. It would be advisable to have reps from Faith Formation, School, Adult Formation, Vocations, and Youth Ministry at Education Commission meetings.

Evangelization Committee (Mary Lambrix)

As part of the ChristLife Series, Discovering Christ (1st in the series) will begin October 4, and run through November 15 on Thursday evenings, with a retreat on Saturday, November 3. Working on getting sign-ups for the series.

Mary explained Evangelization is a fairly new committee, since there are only two returning members, but the remaining members are new. One of our aims is to reach the whole parish, not just small groups here-and-there. This summer we studied and discussed the document, Unleash the Gospel. We are covering various ideas of things/events we can do to promote evangelization. i.e.: scripture/soup suppers maybe in Lent; hospitality kinds of things, fasting/praying (catechesis is needed for this) maybe on a particular day for the whole parish to participate for the Purification of the Church. We consider ourselves a motivator to the parish, school, and staff – to become joyful missionary disciples.

A question was asked of Father Tony when Unleash the Gospel would be introduced to the parish. He replied that a big deal program for Unleash the Gospel from the AOD is being introduced the first weekend in November 3&4. "Bring your phones to Church".

Stewardship (Bob Paul, acting Chair)

Hospitality: (Chairs: Cathy, Joyce and Bev) Dates set for Donut Sundays for the year. This includes September (just last Sunday), October, November, January, February and May. They are organizing for the RCIA reception and working on dates for the Confirmation dinners.

Oktoberfest: (Chairs: Charlotte & Bob) Everything is ready to go. A great committee (many of whom were in the room tonight) have done an outstanding job and we have over \$12,000 in sponsorship funds and 200 pre-sale tickets sold. We're hopeful for good weather; the Polish Muslims should be a good crowd draw.

Long-range Planning should consider a way to match-up parishioners' skills with upcoming projects; people love to be asked to contribute/help. Some of this information is available in parish records from registration sheets.

Special Projects – Parking Lot (Building & Grounds working on details)

Worship (Charlotte Paul)

Charlotte Paul will Chair the Worship Commission; Bev Swanson will be Co-Chair; Secretary position is open; Cheryl Kondrat participated as Staff Liaison

Altar Servers - John David Kuhar (Absent)

Per Cheryl K., John David is looking for a new scheduler and/or Chair

Altar Society – Millie Sundell

There are currently 15 active members out of 100 total members

Millie feels the Altar Society could use new and younger members

Commitment Sunday would be beneficial to rebuilding Altar Society

Youth Minister at BFC may have students that want to be involved

Millie would like to step down as Chair

Art & Environment – Charlotte Paul

3 Members in attendance, 2 additional people have expressed interest, looking for up to 3 more members for a total of 8; All items for Altar decorations are in closet behind Altar (a few may be in rectory garage); Organizing and assessing this closet will be 1st priority of committee; Previously all decorating ideas were generated by Pastor

Eucharistic Ministers – Helen Ullman

EM's are 1 team short historically; Helen is making the schedule work with 5 teams

Commitment Sunday would be beneficial to rebuilding the EM teams

Lectors & Commentators – Bev Swanson

The current group is functioning well. No issues to discuss; Bev agrees that a Commitment Sunday would be beneficial

Prayer Groups

Commission members feel this group should be put on hiatus with plans to reformulate in the near term as Parish Council regroups, to revisit in one year.

Sacristans – Ray Parzych (Absent) – no report

Ushers – Carol Barton (Absent) – no report

PASTORS REPORT

Father Tony reported that parishioners can sign up for a one-on-one meeting with him soon.

He plans to report on the finances of the parish to parishioners in November, prior to the Nov. 20 PPC meeting.

We will have a CSA drive in October to meet our obligation to the AOD. If we don't receive contributions toward the goal set for us by the AOD, the funds will come out of our general funds.

Looking into a fund raiser in the new year to consider re-doing the parking lot.
Father also let us know that staff are resource people to groups, but the parishioners can run programs. They are empowered to do so.

Shawn Bennis invited everyone to the school jog-a-thon on Thursday to support our students. We are hoping for good weather so the students can participate outdoors. Last time they handed out letters to the neighborhood. Everything we do is evangelization (not just the committee).

It was agreed that most commissions and committees would meet on PPC night, one hour before the council meeting. This is every other month.

ADJOURNMENT with prayer and blessing at 9 PM

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, November 20, 2018**