

GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH
581 East Fourteen Mile Road
Clawson, Michigan 48017

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes ~ March 19, 2019
Corrected May 21, 2019

In Attendance:

Rev. Tony Richter, Terry Clayton (Christian Service), Carol Barton (PPC), Joyce Enderle (Hospitality), Mary Lambrix (Evangelization; PPC Recording Secretary), Dave Swanson-Pres. (Parish Council), Cathy Burns (Stewardship), Amanda Ulch (Education-GA Academy Teacher), Charlotte Paul (Worship).

The joint Parish Pastoral Council and Commissions meeting began with a prayer at 6:30 PM.

The Commissions then broke out to meet individually. Following the Commissions' meetings PPC reconvened at 7 PM.

The minutes of the Jan. 15, 2019 meeting were approved. Moved by Charlotte, seconded by Terry, motion approved.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (Mary) – Paula and Mary attended the meeting at Christ Our Light on Jan. 22, 2019. Mary stated that at this meeting the group broke into discussion groups, reviewed the various Lenten activities in the vicariate parishes, and discussed how to present parish Mass, reconciliation times and adoration schedules to the vicariate as a whole. The recommendation is to use tables initially, and investigate a search feature for the vicariate website, similar to what the AOD has for Masses. AOD update: they are updating the website, and the new version should debut this quarter. They are also launching a magazine that will focus on the impact of faith in our daily lives.

Christian Service (Terry Clayton)

Shawn Bennis, Parish Nurse, spoke very well at the Masses the weekend of March 16 & 17 in particular inviting everyone to know the location of AED defibrillator device. (It is on the wall in the hallway between the school and church, across from the FBAC/gym.) Father Tony stated that a second device will be ordered soon. Shawn **has NOT recruited enough nurses or volunteers of any kind to do blood pressures after every Mass. We still need more volunteers in order to make that happen-which Shawn believes will happen eventually, but we currently do not have enough.** So we are only doing blood pressures Sept-June (taking off July and August) and only on the second Sunday of every month after the 9am Mass (with the exception of Easter Sunday in April).

Re: SOS (South Oakland Shelter) – GA will help the week of October 20 in Berkley. Al Tarlo will head up the endeavor.

K of C (Knights of Columbus), the men's retreat has been postponed

RE: need for child care services – this item has been tabled for now. It would be a help to parents who wish to attend events at the parish. The most difficult thing would be to get the very busy young people to help. Amanda will check with NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) members, who may need service hours. Terry pointed out that this program is the infancy stage right now, but the commission sees the need and will try to address.

The Christian Service Commission would like to be involved within the church itself, not just out in the community, i.e.: cleaning the church, or does the Altar Society do this? Possibly the Men's Fellowship group could help with this. (i.e.: cleaning pews, walls, windows, hangings, etc.). Needs to be a parish effort. The heavy cleaning-quarterly, dusting, etc.-every couple weeks.

Education (Dave)

Welcome, Amanda! Amanda is an academy teacher. Sean Hodgins has shown interest in the Commission, maybe Betty C., and others, etc.

GAP tried to advertise the daddy-daughter dance as being for all families within the parish. They will also do the same, even more, for the mom-son bowling event on April 27. Would like to coordinate an all saints day party on Nov.3, with a Donut Sunday.

Evangelization Committee (Mary Lambrix)

Based on GA Mission Statement, *We are a people of God. Together we are called to pray, to celebrate His presence, to work for the coming of the kingdom, and to reach out to all God's people*, Evangelization Committee recommends that PPC determine a goal for the parish for year 2019-2020; and commissions and committees to subsequently determine one or two objectives (action items) for themselves in accordance with said goal. The complete emphasis would be Unleash the Gospel. Father replied that there will be a Strategic Plan for Parishes meeting soon. Goals and objectives can come out of this also. He also would like to begin the new Discipleship Prayer at the beginning of the new liturgical year, but have the parish groups begin to pray it at the beginning of their meetings prior to that time.

Gaitley Girls – Charlotte reported that this group of ladies was formed, based on series presentations by Fr. Michael Gaitley to encourage doing acts of mercy. Some activities, e.g.: Building Bridges and St. Paul Street Evangelization would be under Evangelization. Looking into more pilgrimages similar to the one on March 30 to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. To include lunch. Also possibly St. Josephat in Warren, or the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Church. Would like to do a baby bottle drive as a fund raiser for unplanned pregnancy center on Mothers' Day.

PPC discussion: "Life Issues" will now be the title rather than "Right to Life".

Soup & Scripture going well, about 20 in attendance, and the speakers have been fantastic!

A parishioner from St. Ephrem Church discussed with us at the last meeting ways that her parish has worked to involve the entire parish in Unleash the Gospel.

"How do you see Jesus in all you meet"?

Welcome Committee is up and running. Several new parishioners have registered so far.

Worship (Charlotte)

EM's, Lectors, Commentators, Sacristans, Ushers are all doing well.

Art & Environment committee working on plans for Easter, Triduum, Palm Sunday. Asking if a picture of Divine Mercy could be permanently displayed in the church year round. Also thinking

of improvements in the Narthex. Father suggested to do church and narthex improvements at the same time.

Stewardship (Fr. Tony)

President Issue for discussion:

- a. We want to re-name the MPR the Father Solanus Casey Room. Motion by Dave, seconded by Amanda; motion passed. There is a painting of Fr. Solanus (by Steve Petty) that will hang there.
- b. Dave: Each group to think about what their commission/committee should look like, by the May PPC meeting. What groups do we want? All reps come to PPC. How do we choose the leaders of PPC? How will it look? Leadership person is one who can lead, motivate, organize. We want to work together as a school/parish. Communicating.

PASTOR'S REPORT

PPC will be instrumental in the ministries fair in September. (FBAC divided by tables for liturgies, groups, etc.). The different groups will be explained to those attending. Recruiting followed by training in October. Father suggests mini-retreats to energize volunteers. One-on-one meetings went very well. Father distributed a sheet with the results of these meetings.

RE: parking lot and fencing. We have received 3 bids. One has been selected and has met with Deacon Bob. Approx. \$387,000 - Al's Paving. Parking lot should be completed within two weeks in July. Fence \$57,000. Still working on those bids. Adding 20% contingency if anything goes wrong, etc.

Using a fund raising company will be \$10-12,000. We will go through CSA to avoid taxing. Buildings and Grounds committee has done a great job!

Will do a strategic plan, per AOD. School has done theirs. There will be a multi-cultural focus, i.e. a multi-cultural language Rosary with Crowning of Mary, etc. More events will arise as the Strategic Plan goes forth.

Calendar planning meeting will be on May 9.

Father suggests to have various groups do the Stations of the Cross the next Lents. It would bring different kinds of groups, and some creativity. Different types of people will come.

ADJOURNMENT with prayer and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lambrix,
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, May 21, 2019**