

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes ~ May 21, 2019

In Attendance:

Rev. Tony Richter, Terry Clayton (Christian Service), Joyce Enderle (Hospitality), Mary Lambrix (Evangelization; PPC Recording Secretary), Dave Swanson (Parish Council; PPC President), Charlotte Paul (Worship), Randy Maddock (PPC), Paula Lucas (SOV).

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 Mar. 19, 2019 meeting** were amended (under Christian Service, 4th line): **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).

Minutes approved as amended. Moved by Charlotte, seconded by Terry, motion approved.

Vicariate Pastoral Council (Mary) – Paula and Mary attended the meeting at St. Thomas More Parish on April 2, 2019. A very enlightening presentation by the Ladies of Charity was made to the membership. They are a tremendous help to many, many people in times of need and emergencies. They are looking to increase their number of volunteers, and want to work with the parishes in the Vicariate. They wish to be in contact with a representative at each parish, i.e.: Christian Service Chairperson.

Parishes will be asked to develop strategic plans to support Unleash the Gospel in their parishes. Teams from the AOD will be visiting each parish to help with this goal.

AOD will implement a no-sports-on-Sunday policy to return focus to the Lord's Day.

Parishes are charged to create emergency response plans by September.

Dave announced that we are eliminating Stewardship Commission. Any issues will be under Finance Council and Father Tony. Hospitality will now be under Christian Service. We will continue to look at what our commission/committee structure should look like. He mentioned that there has been no communication from Adult Formation, Youth Ministry, or Education Commission all year.

Fr. Tony announced we've hired a Youth and Family Minister – part-time position.

Christian Service (Terry Clayton) Re: South Oakland Shelter (SOS), Al Tarlo has met with a rep from the church in Berkley (First Methodist), with whom we will assist SOS in October. There will be a sign-up genius for parishioners to volunteer. (Gaitley Girls helped SOS at the Berkley Community Church recently)

Concerning providing babysitting – during church events only: reaching out to schools (GA and BFC) for students who may be interested. Working on this project.

Concerning cleaning the church: who coordinates? Does it fall under Christian Service, or PPC? But it should be done – on a regular basis. Should open up to parish membership – Dave will coordinate.

Education (Dave) The school has developed a flyer for advertising. Athletics has developed a tri-fold flyer to try to connect GA school children, Faith Formation students, and parish students to get all to work and play together. Received a grant from the AOD for \$23,000.00 for science curriculum and chrome books. We need to coordinate as many family events as we can to get as many people as possible involved. The next 55 + up group activity is a tour of National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica on June 27.

Evangelization Committee (Mary Lambrix) Recommend that all sub-committees be under one of the four commissions (Christian Service, Education, Stewardship, Worship); therefore recommend that Gaitley Girls be under the umbrella of Christian Service. Looking into Alpha vs. ChristLife, simple ways/suggestions for the average parishioner to feel comfortable in “evangelizing”, plan to repeat soup & scripture series. Request having a table at Oktoberfest entrance, like we have had in past years. Father Tony suggested that all attendees be given a card (business card size) with a welcoming message and GA Mass times (at this table). *Full report attached to these minutes.*

Gaitley Girls – Seeking a new chairperson and possibly a name-change and identity (Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy). The group continues to actively pursue performing works of mercy.

Worship (Charlotte) Concern about losing participants in a ministry (i.e.: Sacristans, Ushers, etc.). Really hoping that the ministries fair will be an opportunity for more people to become involved. Need ways to interest more participants. Question as to which commission certain groups should be under, e.g.: prayer groups, Altar Society, etc. Question arose: what are the duties of the Altar Society?

Question raised: Is there still a Women’s Fellowship group? No longer, do we need one? It appears that the 55+ group fulfills some of what the Women’s Fellowship Group did.

Stewardship (Fr. Tony)

CSA will be paid out of church budget; any money received from the campaign will go directly to parking lot

PASTOR’S REPORT

The blessing of the Father Solanus Casey Room (FSCR) was successful. Painting of Father Solanus by Steve Petty is amazing.

Finance Council meeting next Tuesday; Building & Grounds met last week.

We do have a lot of building issues and problems.

School enrollment is struggling. But pre-school is well attended, and we should keep most of those students in the school-K through 8. The school Strategic Plan has helped to focus on all necessary issues. Pre-school director has been hired, and she will make many improvements.

Dave announced the meeting dates for the next year (2019-2020):

Sept. 17, Nov.19, Jan. 21, Mar. 17, May 19. There may be a meeting in August to discuss the ministries fair.

ADJOURNMENT with prayer and blessing at 8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lambrix,
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Evangelization Committee report to PPC: May 21, 2019

Guardian Angels Catholic Church Parish 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.”

The Evangelization Committee recommends that Parish Pastoral Council continue with the format as directed by the Archdiocese: PPC – Worship, Christian Service, Stewardship, Education Commissions, and Evangelization Committee. It works well and if/when the AOD wishes to re-direct per Amazing Parish, then we can accommodate that.

We feel that all sub-committees should be under one of the four commissions (i.e.: suggest that Gaitley Girls be under Christian Service)

We are looking into Alpha vs. ChristLife; simple ways/suggestions for the average parishioner to feel comfortable in “evangelizing”; and plan to repeat the soup & scripture series in March, 2020 with a little different slant.

We have placed additional prayer slips near the Prayer Box in the Narthex, so that people can fill them out right in church, in case they forget the form in their bulletin at home.

We request to have an area at the Oktoberfest as we have in the past years for evangelization and prayer offerings.

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