Pastoral Council Agenda

February 6, 2017

7:00 PM

**Pastoral Council Prayer:**

Dear God, we are the Catholic Christian Community of St. John, diverse in age, talent and theology. We gather together to continue the work begun by your Son, Jesus Christ. Please send the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to your Word. Give us the courage to preach the Gospel and the strength to live it. Guide our efforts to faithfully fulfill this council’s mission to our parish. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Reflection:** Jeremy Fauber (absent – read by Pete)

**Approval of November Minutes** Changes\* and then approved.

\*Change “Grievance” to “Bereavement”. Change “less than 2% parish members attend mass” to “less than half”

**Organizational Items:**

* New Parishioner Welcome: Sue/John
* Sacrament Letters: Kathy/Chris
* Vote on Updated Pastoral Council By-Laws
* Upcoming Events:
* Monday March 13th @ 8:15 pm: serving snacks after the Lenten Mission in Gathering Space. Who is available?
* Tuesday April 4th @ 7:30 pm: Stations of the Cross (lead along with Worship Commission) in the Chapel. Who is available?
* Reminder of Pastoral Council election events taking place before next Council meeting:

**April 22/23**: Nominations at Masses Leslie and Pete to review process

**April 27**: 7-8pm Information Session for Candidates and photo: who is available to attend?

**May 1**: 6-7pm Information Session for Candidates and photo/Council meeting date (invite candidates to attend)

* Financial Update: Joan
* ~~Fr. Don~~  Conducted by Joan in Fr. Don’s absence

**Open Forum:** Comments/Questions/Parishioner Feedback

* Jan discussed “Little Free Library”
* Betty brought up concern of non-uplifting mass music for Christmas services. She also raised the idea of reading the announcements prior to mass
* Gary suggested Michael choose/introduce one modern song monthly from Christian Radio, K-Love etc.

**Goal Setting Continued (SMART):**

* **Fresh ideas**
* **How can we best serve our parish by helping it continue to grow**

Possible goals discussed at last meeting:

1. Increase participation in Bereavement Ministry – Betty to chair (Joan to pass on to Scott) idea of touching base with widow(r) post 2 months

2. Implement young parent’s group/activities (update from Caitlin) – Caitlin & Jan to work together on posting a starter invite in bulletin

3. Increase youth engagement **(Note: Josh does not wish to use a survey of the youth at this time and he may have his own ideas of increasing participation. Suggest we consult with Josh and Anna before we consider this as a goal)**

4. Other ideas?

**Closing Prayer:** John Roth