

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 3, 2015

ATTENDEES: Robin Black-Rubenstein, Maria Carrion, Cindy Clark, Deacon Dan Corbett, Lacey Gelsinger, Rich Hahn, Jim Jatcko, Georgann Lautner, Jeff Litterst, Marisa Nieto, Lauren Serfas, and Mary Westerhold.

ABSENT: Father Jeff, Arthur Langston, and Sue Papajcik.

In Father Jeff's absence, Robin led our meeting. Mary read the Gospel for the Third Sunday in Lent, and Lauren read the reflection. The Gospel from John is the story of Jesus driving the moneychangers and the venders out of the Temple. In the reflection, we are told that during this Lenten season our first priority should be to "clean house."

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

This event will be the March 13th and 14th. Adoration will be in the Church. It was suggested that simple refreshments should be made available, and it was decided that we would only provide small bottles of water. Our attention should be on the Holy Eucharist.

Deacon Dan is working with local law enforcement for security through the night inside the church and to also have a car in the parking lot. Some of the officers have expressed a desire to participate in the Adoration, also.

Father requested that leaders be appointed for each hour. The leader would be there to answer questions and would agree to stay until the next leader arrives. The leaders will come from the various parish councils, ministries, committees, cabinets, and boards. Robin passed the schedules around for us to sign up as leaders. Jeff suggested that we as a council give these other groups the first opportunity to fill the leader positions. We will have the schedules out this weekend again, and people can sign up then for the leaders of hours. Robin will send us an email so we can fill in the holes. Once we have leaders for all the hours, Robin will again email a schedule to the leaders so they know who is relieving them.

This weekend, March 7th and 8th, Pastoral Council will be at all the Masses with the sign-up sheets to answer questions. Jeff and Georgann will be at 4:15. Mary and Robin will be at 8:15. Maria will be at 10:15. Marisa will be at 12:15. Lacey and Jim will be at 5:15.

Lauren mentioned the new banner announcing this event is being displayed. Someone asked about St. Mary's participating with us, and they have decided to host their own 24 Hours for the Lord. Also, as everyone was leaving the meeting, Robin asked if anyone had any thoughts for hourly intentions. She and Jill have some but are open to suggestions. We are to email our suggestions to Robin.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: From 5:30 to 6:45 Pastoral Council will host a Soup and Bread Supper. The soup and bread will be donated and delivered by Subway Restaurant. It will be held in the Oak Room before Mass. Deacon Dan suggested that since we are still on our Lenten journey we should only serve water with the meal. Maria and Georgann will help set-up, and Lacey will help clean-up after Mass. Mass is at 7pm followed by Adoration until 10pm.

Good Friday: The service is at 3pm. Deacon Dan will have St. John Paul, II Stations of the Cross at 6 pm in the Church.

Easter Vigil: Mass at 7pm. We will be welcoming 31 elect and candidates into the community of faith at this Mass.

Easter Sunday: Masses will be at 8:15am and 10:15am—no 5:15pm. A question was raised later as to whether or not we would have our Parking Ministry available at the 10:15 Mass. We need to contact Dave Knetzer, our coordinator for the ushers, to hopefully get something set up for this Mass. Some simple equipment may be needed—identifying vests and may a set of walkie-talkies.

PRE CANA—“MENTORING COUPLES”

Deacon Dan stated that he thinks that the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life is rewriting the Pre Cana process. He believes this is in preparation for the upcoming USCCB and Pope Francis World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September, 2015. The program will require engaged couples to be paired with married couples for more in depth mentoring in the Pre Cana program. Jim talked about how successful the mentoring program was that him and his wife, Nancy, worked with while living in Atlanta. They would meet weekly at the mentor’s home where they would come for dinner and stay for the program. Jim said they would always come back the next week with questions. The engaged couples felt more comfortable asking questions one-on-one than they seem to in a big group after a long day of presentations.

We currently have six couples on our Pre Cana team. We will need more couples, and all will need to be trained on the mentoring couple program.

DAY OF WEDDING

Assistants (Cana Women): Cindy said having a Wedding Coordinator would be a good idea. The couple and their family would have one person to contact for guidance. Jill has been answering many questions as has Kasey Johnnes. And we’re sure Benna and the office staff gets their share of calls, too. One coordinator--and the related committee--could field all those questions and point people in the direction they need to go. This person would need to be firm yet diplomatic. If we give our “customers” a good experience they may be more apt to return. The coordinator would have a committee (Cana Women) who would help even on the day of the wedding, too. The Wedding Coordinator could be a paid position. We believe this should be a pretty easy ministry to recruit, too.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Cindy reported on this new committee formed by Father Jeff to deal primarily with financial stewardship. Serving on this council are: Cindy Clark (Chairperson), Kristi Hyten (Recorder), Nate Vuagniaux, Jenny Milburn, Brad Serfas, and Keith Lueking. The feedback from the feasibility study indicated that we need a capital campaign, but now is not the time. This committee will be meeting to prepare a mission statement. They will also be reviewing the report and working on a plan to present the results to the congregation. Cindy said this group will be meeting again soon. They have more passion than experience with such things but are forging ahead with determination. Deacon Dan suggested some reading material by Matthew Kelly on the subject of stewardship.

BOOKLET/DIRECTORY

Basically our "*Outward Signs of Faith*" book will be integrated with our Parish Directory. Mary sent to Benna the documents she had saved from the printing of "*Outward Signs.*" She also updated and condensed some of the entries. Father Jeff has gone over the items and the document has been submitted to the printer for his recommendations. We will still incorporate the names and addresses of parishioners in this booklet. In short, the booklet is still in the "what-is-it-going-to-look-like" stage. We had originally hoped to have it done for Easter weekend, but we are now hoping to have it ready for the Easter Season.

Robin closed the meeting with prayer.

Our next meeting will be April 7th.

Respectfully submitted by
Georgann Lautner