

PPC MINUTES For February 9, 2016

Present: Maggie Kensek, Susie Hurley, Henry Morlock, Larry Lewandowski, Fr. Bob Clarke, Helen McMahon, Robbie OShea, Colleen Hagan, Jolene Hillgoth

NEXT MEETING: March 22, 2016 for full PPC Board. Executive Board will meet March 15.

Fr. Bob opened the meeting with a prayer and a welcome to our new PPC members Maggie and Henry.

New Business:

1. Fr. Bobs remarks:

1.Changes to the Capitol Campaign timing: Will start this program in June of 2016. 60% of funds raised stay at St. Cletus, 40% are sent to Archdiocese. St. Cletus goal is \$2.1 million. Jake is our fundraising contact. Fr. Bob delayed the start of this new initiative so that parishioners will see the new building and construction underway and be inspired to contribute to this Capitol Campaign.

2. Jolene reported that the School is doing well.

3. Ministry Fair: Helen and Susie updated the Council on this upcoming event.

The programs are at the printers, the prototype looked spectacular. 1000 copies being printed for distribution at the Ministry Fair and then in the future to all new parishioners. Copies will also be left in the Narthex and at the rectory and school for distribution to interested parties.

Tables will be set up for all the parish ministries. Representatives from each ministry will man the table, answer questions from the attendees, and hopefully recruit a few good people to their ministry. A letter was sent to all Ministry leaders encouraging their participation and to recruit members to staff the tables. Each ministry will have uniform signage at the table as well as a sign up sheet. Jolene will get 24 clipboards from the school to add to the 12 clipboards borrowed from Bobbie at the rectory. Cookies, donuts, and muffins along with beverages (coffee, juice, water) will be available for all attendees.

Colleen suggested a suggestion box/basket to help collect the suggestion cards available. Robbie will assist with this. All PPC members are requested to be on hand Sat evening and Sunday morning to assist as needed with the Ministry Fair.

A debriefing conversation will be held at the next PPC meeting. Topics to include: Designate a Parish office staffer to help on this Project so that there is continuity and accountability for admin tasks. Create a checklist for Project management/Completion to help in the planning and organization of the event. Offer raffle tickets at each table so attendees can collect tickets from any table they visit. Tickets are then compiled and a couple of winners are randomly drawn. Include Hispanic parishioners and a bilingual person to assist Spanish speaking attendees.

4. PPC council members:

Colleen is the appointed Youth rep, replacing Olivia. Still need a Hispanic Ministry representative.

In May, some PPC Board positions come open and need to be recruited for from the parishioners. In July/Aug the Executive board should be elected from the PPC members.

Need to encourage parishioners to join PPC subcommittees.

All should check out DynamicCatholic.com this Lenten season.

5. Bishop Cupich's remarks (as told by Fr. Bob): The Vicariate has looked at all the schools and parishes in Area 4. There are definitely changes coming down the road to our area. St. Cletus priests will drop in number. Deacons may be reassigned (this has been done in other parts of the country successfully. Ex. Boston, San Bernardino). Annually, in October, the parishes count number of people in the pews at all masses. If a parish is below 800 attending in October, there will be no Capital money given from the Archdiocese to the parish. Last October, St. Cletus was at 2200/weekend. The Archdioceses also uses these numbers to try to figure out a 10-year plan.

6. Transformation Update:

Larry Lewandowski reported.

The next initiative of the Transformation committee is to create and distribute postcards. The postcards will be titled "We Belong". These post cards will ask for certain demographic information from parishioners. They will be distributed at all Masses for 1 month. This is intended to determine who is currently active in the parish. The post cards will be cross referenced with the current parish census. Any family/parish member not completing a postcard will receive a phone call inquiring if they still wish to be members of St. Cletus parish. This may also give adult children the opportunity to join the parish on their own (as their own head of household instead of being on parents). Finally, a second phone call or perhaps a personal visit will try to capture registered parishioners who wish to continue to be registered with St. Cletus. This is an initiative to help make the parish files more accurate and up to date. See separate notes distributed by Larry and titled Introduction to Re-Registration.

Fr. Bob closed the meeting with a prayer. Next Full PPC meeting is March 22 in Rectory basement at 630PM.