

**COUNCIL COMMISSION SHORT FORM REPORTS,
January-February, 2016**

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION, January 11, 2016

PRESENT: Kathy Hays, Scott Middendorf, Debbie Otero, Claire Tenhundfeld

ABSENT: Marianne Boyd, Marian Kaiser, Jodi Knollman

RECORDER: Scott Middendorf

DECISIONS: Discussion and final review of the choices for a logo to represent the P&J Commission. After again considering how the logo was going to be presented in the various publications within the community, we decided on the version identified as #5 a&b. The logo will begin appearing in parish publications as soon as possible.

Also discussed the upcoming program scheduled for 1/24 @ 10:00. Discussion centered on the setup and refreshments for the morning. Anyone interested in assisting with food contact Claire. A time of 9:15 was targeted for the setup of the cafeteria.

DISCUSSION: Discussion centered around Pope Francis' address at the Capitol during his visit to Washington DC. Interesting notes were that the Pope used the phrase "common good" 6 times during his address. It was also evident that he was well-versed in American political roles from references made. It was noted in our discussion how the Pope used examples of real American Catholics in his address to "put a face" on his examples of "common good".

Additional discussion centered around the article "College Classrooms Need Controversy, Not Comfort". The thoughts on this centered on the concern that today's college students will not have the perspective of working through tough issues and topics due to the culture of protest and demonstration that arises out of community issues.

Agreed to table Election education for ongoing discussions in future meetings.

NEXT MEETING; February 8, 2016

PASTORAL COUNCIL, January 18, 2016

PRESENT: M. Albert, A. Bechtold, B. Delfavero, J. Dempsey, Fr. Goebel, D. Otero, S. Tebbe

ABSENT: P. Mooney

RECORDER: M. Albert

PRAYER: Reflection on Gospel for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (In the synagogue of Nazareth, Christ reveals Himself as the Messiah that was foretold by Isaiah.)

DECISIONS: March meeting moved to March 14th to avoid conflict with Holy Week.

MAINTENANCE: Pages 58-61 in *Go and Make Disciples*, Goal II. We must do more to invite people to faith in our parish, in our homes and in our workplaces. We must learn to share faith and become effective witnesses.

DISCUSSION: Father announced retirement as active pastor at Little Flower, effective end of June, 2016. Letter to all parishioners to be mailed within days. Bishop Binzer to attend the February Pastoral Council meeting to discuss the discernment process for choosing Fr. Goebel's successor.

Pastoral Council reviewed merits of retaining current membership through next year for sake of continuity during transition to new pastor. Timeline of current member terms to be ascertained.

REPORTS: Cecilia Felix has agreed to act as temporary Music Director through the Easter season.

One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign successfully concluded. Although pledges fell somewhat short of diocesan goal, the total was substantial and heartening.

Parish fund raising efforts need revitalization.

NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2016



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FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION, January 21, 2016

PRESENT: Ying Boissy, Joe D'Angelo, Carol Gabis, Marianne Hartkemeyer, John Mercado, John Meyer, Tenhundfeld

RECORDER: John Mercado PRAYER: Joe D'Angelo TIME KEEPER: Carol Gabis

MAINTENANCE: discussed "10 Tried and True AFF Ideas"; We are looking for ways to reach our membership and our community; E-mail; Apps – My Parish (Carol familiar with this app); Online courses through U of Dayton (cost involved)
Group agreed it is necessary to continue to explore this topic

DISCUSSION:

Lenten programming: small groups? Holy Thursday event?

Claire mentioned perhaps Wednesday or Sundays after Masses

Ying mentioned printing a "reflection" in the bulletin for Lent

John Mercado mentioned we could/should start "reflection" for Lent, but expand and offer a challenge of sorts each week for the year. We should choose topics that would bring us closer to Christ and our parish community

Carol shared idea of "Unclutter-Unplug". Handout provided.

Ideas for above projects to be e-mailed to Claire

Discussed possibility of Holy Thursday dinner. Further discussion/research required.

AFF Survey (what, when, how?)

Discussed the need to come up with questions for survey, what type of format and when:

Interests?

Small group discussions?

After Mass?

Lunch?

Evangelization – target audience? What approaches?

Discussion regarding who to target for evangelization

Need for maintaining current members but also appealing to and attracting the youth for future of our parish

REPORTS: Evaluation of Christmas season program. Consensus was that it went well and a positive connection was made with the Greek Orthodox Church; Enjoyed singing

NEXT MEETING: 2/18/16 Facilitator, John Mercado; Recorder, John Meyer; Prayer, Marianne; Time Keeper, Joe

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Joe D'Angelo

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION, February 19, 2016

PRESENT: Boissy, D'Angelo, Meyer, Hartkemeyer, Gabis, Hartkemeyer, Tenhundfeld ABSENT: Cook, Mercado

RECORDER: Meyer TIME KEEPER: D'Angelo PRAYER: Hartkemeyer

MAINTENANCE: 1) Revisited "Ten Tried and True Adult Faith Formation Ideas". Members felt small group gatherings over coffee would work since after Mass was well attended. Also talked of going where people are and volunteering to get things done. 2) Discussed PEP Newsletter about what are the expectations of those 18-39 years old. Thought quality of Mass homily and use of social media was important. Young people want to be part of a group and not stand out as individuals. 3) Looked at "One Person's Journey Away and Toward the Church". Concluded that what seem to be small issues can be enough to turn people away from Church. We must realize that everything we do or say can have a profound effect on someone.

DISCUSSION: 1) Talked about format of Adult Education Needs Assessment (survey). This would be made available sometime in April by bulletin insert, church pew, or possibly on internet web page. Parish goals should tie into topics offered. We should have a vision of the kind of theology we want to promote. Suggestions were made to have an "Other" heading under topics, to put survey on both sides of paper and to use two columns per page. 2) Claire distributed a flyer about the Holy Thursday program and meal to take place at 5:30 p.m. on March 24. Will explore the customs and rituals of the Jewish festivals around the events of Holy Week. She is working out details with a number of people and final plans made at next meeting. 3) Gifts Discernment Process - The thought presented was one of finding the talents and interests of parishioners and plugging them into a group that could benefit from their expertise. 4) Role of Commissions – Our role is one of recommending and evaluating. We have the task of planners (based on the parish vision and goals) rather than actually carrying out and doing.