**St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

February 18, 2020

**Meeting** – The Parish Pastoral Council meeting opened with faith sharing and prayers.

**Approval of Minutes** – January 21, 2019 minutes were approved with one correction. The approved minutes are to be provided to Dawn Bloom to post on the St. Christopher Parish website.

**Ministry Updates**

* Parish Council – There are five members of Parish Council whose three-year terms are ending in 2020 (Cheryl, Karl, Laura, Chris and Frank). Cheryl, Karl and Frank agreed to a new term and Laura and Chris are TBD.
* Ministry Liaison Definition- There was a discussion at the last meeting about agreeing to a definition for the Ministry Liaison. Cheryl Selak proposed the following: “Ministry Liaisons contact the leader of their assigned ministry, in early fall, when they introduce themselves, determine the status of the ministry, off the opportunity to “spotlight” that ministry at Donut Sunday, and attend at least one meeting/event of that ministry and report back to Parish Council. The liaison should also communicate with their respective ministry leaders important Parish events of information.” The discussion lead to small changes in the definition and the final definition to be presented at the next meeting.
* Hospitality Ministry Update- Laura Hunter submitted an update on the Hospitality Ministry via email, which was read by Frank McGee.
* Smaller initiatives are making good progress.
* Logan will be checking with Fr. John on maintaining ministries at 40% over the summer.
* We would like to incorporate monthly group service opportunities of serving with St. Colman.
* Laura spoke with six potential new recruits.
* Meetings in the future will shift to focus on the four larger initiatives: Welcome Dinners, Small Groups, Ministry Spotlights and the Welcoming Audit.
* Young Adult Ministry Update- Logan Feldkamp provided an update on the Young Adult Ministry via email, which was read by Cheryl Selak. The Young Adult Ministry has averaged 15 attendees through the first two meetings. We are experiencing positive feedback from both the ministry and the parish community. We are currently exploring ways to create “small groups,” led by Terra Nova members who gather around a common activity (book/movie reflections, Scripture study, or social justice to list a few examples). We have also included St. Mark of Cleveland in our activities and have had a few young adults from their parish join us.

**Parish Pastoral Plan Update**

* We had a discussion on how the overall Parish Plan was established through the Parish survey. The goals and action steps were distributed to the new members and a brief overview was provided.

**Events Update**

* Joy of the Gospel- February 8th-March 14th
* Bereavement Group- February 27th- April 2nd after 11am Mass, there was also a second group added that will take place in the evenings, dates and time TBD
* Book Series- March 3rd for five weeks. Coming Home to Your True Self- Leaving the Emptiness of False Attraction, by Albert Haase, OFM
* Bishop Baron Book Discussion- March 4th and 5th
* Stations of the Cross- March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3rd
* Diocesan Confessions- March 11th 5:00-8:00pm
* Confirmation Retreat- March 14th
* Pre-Cana- March 22nd
* Lenten Soup Supper- March 25th 5pm
* Social Club Luncheons- March 27th and May 1st
* Catechist Retreat- March 28th 9:00am-4:30pm
* Donut Sunday- March 29th
* Living Stations of the Cross- March 29th
* Apollo’s Fire Concert- April 1st, Bach’s St. Mathew Passion
* Taize Prayer- April 22nd
* Ladies Guild Spring Meeting- April 23rd
* Jesus Day- School PSR April 24th and 25th
* First Communion- May 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th
* Confirmation- May 12th
* Family Game Night- April 25th

**Pastor’s Update**

* The capital campaign has commitments for over $2M
* Construction of Centennial Park is on schedule and on budget. It is due to be ready this Summer 2020.
* In thinking ahead to the parish Centennial Celebration, Father John thought a committee should be formed to begin planning. He suggested reaching out to individuals who assisted in planning the 75th Anniversary. The date of the actual 100th Anniversary occurs on Saturday, May 14th, 2022. Father John was able to get the event on the Bishop’s schedule.
* Fr. John will preside over the Confirmation Liturgy on May 12th in place of Bishop Perez who moved to Philadelphia.

**Other Business**

* None noted.

**Closing Prayer**

* Father John led Council in prayer with a focus on the Parish Mission Statement.

**Next Meetings**

* Tuesday, March 24th at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Parishioners are welcome to attend.