

Linked Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

10.16.24

Holy Spirit Church Gym

In Attendance: Fr. Matt Wetsel, Julie Popp, Mia Franko, Sal Giarrizzo, Ann Simonson, Pam Bray, Jamin Clemente, Mike Nichols, Rich Nigro, Mike Shrader, Michael Long

- i. Opening Prayer (Fr. Matt) – 18:36, Fr. Matt
- ii. Review of Minutes From Previous Meeting – Shrader, Long > unanimously approved
- iii. New Business:

don't forget to submit desired topics for the meetings at least one week in advance, otherwise it can be brought up in red robin time

 - a. Upcoming Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule and Other Liturgies – Advent letter just went out on the websites, questions of access addressed, still live streaming but good attendance at weekly masses at both churches, needs to be posted on FB pages
 - b. Upcoming Advent Adult Faith Sharing – please distribute flyers when possible, four weeks before Christmas (starting 11/26) Tuesdays 6-7:15pm in HT Hall, studying Encountering Emmanuel by Heather Khym, registration due 11/15 to Fr. Matt

(Jamin cannot attend due to basketball)
 - c. Preview of Weekend End of Financial Year Sharing – grateful for benefactors (ie Townsend Fund, HT roof cell tower provides \$40,733.38, other endowments), encourage peers to donate (ie mass envelopes), perhaps we should look into e-giving?
 - d. Next week we'll have some financial numbers from the Finance Council
- iv. Round Robin
 - a. Dave Connolly (via email) – Helpers Store doing well in their new location (Fr. Matt noted it is a better, more pleasant location for shoppers)
 - b. Julie – nothing to report
 - c. Mia – nothing to report

d. Sal – we should do more door-to-door seeking of donations (Julie said starting with school district staff would be effective, consensus that it is hard to fundraise due to many limitations from various agencies but agreed it would be helpful for all to be more deliberate in seeking donations in kind or money, Long proposed second collections, Mia proposed large-scale joint fundraising effort between groups like Friday’s Table and NOAH through St. John’s Episcopal)

e. Ann – FF starts this weekend, YM starts next weekend, **FF is K-6 in the mornings, YM is 7-10 in the evenings (6-6:30pm is social time), 1st Fulton County teen mass this weekend for YM at HS at 6pm

Trunk or Treat 10/27 3-5:30pm in HS parking lot

Advent service project: FF donating to “Baby Jesus” – baby supplies for Mother Teresa’s Closet, YM donating non-perishable donations for Friday’s Table

518 Faith wants to do coffee & donuts/cheese & crackers after masses, treated them to mini golf and ice cream after hard work all year

f. Pam – chicken and biscuit dinner on election day to fundraise for faith formation, \$12/meal 4-6:30pm at HS Hall

Friday’s Table is blowing up, up to 120 meals some weeks including families, seeking donations (trying 100 Women Who Care again)

g. Jamin – SOHS members had meeting to beautify HS Hall hallway and kitchen, proposing \$6000 for the floor; want to incorporate into redoing ceiling tiles, painting, stairs; need extra \$3000 for additional investments, asking the other groups in the parish(es); will update and send notes; church *itself* cannot donate due to bankruptcy (Fr Matt noted HT has upcoming masonry project, HS has upcoming masonry, roofing projects)

Midnight at 9 (NYE at HS Hall, 5:30pm) being limited to 75 people, price raised to \$20 for tickets (chicken not being donated), let Jamin know if you want to join committee, BYOB shhh

h. Mike Nichols – agreed that the Helpers Store location is better for all

i. Rich – noted how easy online giving is, agreed we should look it for HT (HS already has it)

- j. Mike Shrader – new “stages” being created in HS Church to accommodate for wife Sue to be able to continue with music ministry

Code Blue shelter is not opening this year, but Fulton House is growing in population, hoping to help house 3-4 dozen there
- k. Mike Long – nothing to report
- v. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 20th, Holy Trinity Parish Gym, 6:30pm

If anyone else wants to do opening/closing prayer feel free
- vi. Closing Prayer (Fr. Matt) – meeting concluded at 19:31

Minutes submitted by Mia S. Franko, MBA