

St. Mark Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes

December 2, 2015

Meeting Time: 7pm

Location: Parish Center Board Room

Prayer Leader: Donna Kern

Refreshments: Donna Kern

Scripture/Shared Prayer

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Roll Call – Members present were Father, Deacon Tom, Dorothy Glass, Ann Berkemeier, Lee Ann Briggeman, Carolyn Bundy, Donna Kern, Kathy Pierce, and Don Toll. Also present were Glenn McKinney and Debbie Neal.

Minutes from October were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Ministry/Group Presentation – Social Justice Committee/Helping Our Own People: Glenn McKinney and Debbie Neal presented information on the Social Justice Committee and especially HOOPs. Glen is new to the SJC and they provided a summary of the successful mission trip to Kentucky and that the Committee hopes to do a trip this year that is closer to home. They told the PC that there is a monthly dinner prepared by the SJC at Holy Family Shelter. They provided some back ground of the HOOPs program and a brief description of how it works. Different teams prepare food for distribution to homeless. They prepare 50-75 meals depending on the season (more in the summer) and then help load the food. Chela Zendejas and a nephew then take the food and provisions to locations where homeless congregate. Glenn indicated that they are hoping to raised \$1,500 or more for HOOPs from the Giving Tree. Chela was unable to attend but did send a video showing the outreach done for the homeless. Glenn and Debbie voiced their appreciation and admiration for Chela's work. The Council also voiced their support for her work and all those involved in the SJC and HOOPs.

Commission Reports

- A. Social Life – Father reported that the Bingo Bash was a success with a profit of \$9,000 voicing appreciation for all those involved. Father also mentioned that the Pancake Breakfast also went over very well. The Dinner Dance will be at Valle Vista with Lynn & Mike Swift once again hosting with others starting their efforts to prepare for it. The Parish will host Simbang Gabi (a Philippine tradition to celebrate the Advent season) at the 5:30 Mass on December 12th.
- B. School Commission – Tim Runholt sent a report through Dorothy. The November meeting was focused on reviewing new By-Laws which were due to be finalized/approved on Dec. 2nd.
- C. Finance Council – Marty Meyer sent a report through Dorothy which Father also commented on. The Council is still hoping to increase the number of people using on-line giving and sign-ups continue. While collections are a little below the budget, it is expected to catch up during the Christmas season. The Council reviewed and discussed financial information for October. Council will have more information after the holiday about the capital campaign. Design work is continuing on the windows and some ideas for a solution is expected soon.
- D. Liturgy Committee – Kathy and Father reported that there was a short meeting of the Committee where they reviewed the Mass schedule for the celebration of Christmas (5:00PM, Midnight, 10AM). The Committee recommended that bells be used over chimes (or nothing) during consecration.
- E. Youth Commission –Julie Albertson sent a report through Dorothy. Julie passed on the appreciation of the young people who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference to the Parish for the spiritual and financial assistance to allow them to attend. The Jr. High students will have their annual Christmas Dance on Dec. 11th and a Jr. High Youth Rally is being held on Feb 6th at Roncalli. There is a confirmation retreat which will be held on Jan. 9th for those in confirmation preparation.

