

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES , September 15, 2016

FR. PAT began meeting with Hail Mary in honor of the Feast of Our Lady's Seven Sorrows at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT were Fr. Pat Wendler, Council members Francine Butzine, Michael Christian, Bill Liebhart, Tracy Bargo, Kathy Reinhard, new member, Irena Blenke-Krysiak, Nancy Acosta, Fr. Alex Carmel, Trustees Jim Becker, Al Reinhard and Ron Johnson, and Seminarian Francisco. Absent were Ron Castillo and new member Kathy Chandler; excused was Brian Wolhaupter, via email.

MAY MINUTES were approved. Future minutes will be approved via email for timely posting.

INTRODUCTIONS of all present, including Seminarian Francisco, who will be with us on weekends for four years, as St. Francis DeSales is using WCC as a teaching parish. He will attend meetings, visit schools, learn how a parish & school are managed, and assist with Mass. He may help with sacristan and altar server training. Francine's Chairperson term is over, and is St. B's turn. We'll nominate and vote new positions next meeting.

FR. PAT reviewed his time in Watertown since July 2014, reining in all groups and activities; attending all meetings, especially PC and Finance Council, as key committees; giving direction, displeasing parishioners, organizing structure; merging St. H & St. B schools to strengthen Watertown Catholic Community. Now he can let PC take over with committees to make parish active again. See attached outline of PC Committees for each member to choose 2-3 next month, and the Parish Admin. Chart.

TIME & TALENT sign up is Oct. 1-2. PC Liaisons for each committee will receive lists to contact and encourage new volunteers so the same people aren't doing everything.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Francine reports revival of the prayer chain at St. Henry, and 20-25 Communion ministers distributing to 40-50 parishioners in institutions. There is a Eucharistic Minister meeting 9/22 at 1:00 at St. H. St. H. still needs someone to head Church decorating. Check for bulletin board changes; looking forward to Christmas; possible mission? Amazed how much is under Worship Cmte!

MASS GUIDES: At the request of the Liturgical Cmte, Fr. Scott created a Mass guide with responses and explanations. WCC bought 1,500 which will be used by Frs. Pat and Alex with Sts. H. & B. students, and Religious Ed. All will use at Mass. The intent is for each family to take one, replacing the cards currently in pews since the New Translation.

HISPANIC: Nancy Acosta shared there is a TV raffle to raise funds for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Nancy will ask if those tickets will be available to the whole Catholic Community, and keep us apprised of the feast day celebration schedule.

HUMAN CONCERNS: Bill L. gave info on Bethesda Christmas Giving Tree. We will look at what each parish has done with Christmas Giving Trees in past, and pass info to Human Concerns Committee members next month.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS for bible study students was discussed. Fr. Pat referred the issue to Building & Grounds Cmte, as there will be expense and FC approval. He offered St. H. chapel, with a ramp, and have TV wheeled in. Kathy R. agreed with this resolution for weekday study.

NEW MEMBER Irena concerned over lack of altar servers and sacristans, making more work for our priests. Fr. Pat appreciates Irena's wish for 10 or so servers in the Sanctuary, but unrealistic at this time. He will make a server schedule and hope more parents bring their children to Mass. Need to keep the fire in the 4<sup>th</sup> graders so they're still serving by 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Fr. Pat suggested Irena be on the Worship Committee. Fr. Alex appreciated Irena's observation and agrees it looks bad for such a large parish to have so few servers.

NEW MARQUARDT VILLAGE POLICY, Fr. Pat shared, was received 9/1, and in effect 9/1, mandating Communion be offered to all present at all open worship services held at Marquardt Village, OR Communion be distributed in residents' rooms, then returned for prayer and blessing. Diocesan and canon lawyers are involved. Fr. Pat is awaiting reply to his Msgr. Bartylla edited and approved three page letter he hand-delivered to the secretary at Park Place Center for the CEO, Matt Mauthe, Board of Directors, and Chaplain Fritts on Tuesday, 9/13. To remain gracious visitors, Fr. Pat is willing to consecrate one host for himself, the priest, only, in order to continue to say Mass for the residents, until the last Thursday of September. If no resolution, he will discontinue Mass on Marquardt campus and have Communion Ministers bring Communion to the residents following Mass at Church. All concerned are asked to speak up! Tracy B. has a petition requesting the new mandate be rescinded, which residents and Mass attendees have signed, and will be hand delivered to PPC Monday morning. All PC members present signed the petition.

SECURITY: Since the finding of a hypodermic on the St. H. playground, as well as carvings, and graffiti at St. B's, Fr. Pat suggested using a recent contribution of \$10,000.00 given to each parish to install surveillance cameras at both locations. Bill L. suggested the cameras be linked to the police station.

BLDGS & GRNDS: Fr. Pat reported St. B's parking lot will be resurfaced this weekend, 9/17-18. St. Henry's lot needs top shaved, lay 2", \$10-29K. Both schools need new roofs. St. H. has bid of \$30K from Joe Coughlin. St. B. will get bids.

WATERTOWN REGIONAL HOSPITAL has asked St. Henry's to be an "alternative care site" in case of emergency. Approval from Diocese is pending hospital and city indemnifying St. Henry. This will be for St. H. members' vote only. Fr. Pat will present to Finance Council, send to St. H. PC to vote via email.

Lyn Z. looking at "Parish app" \$499 set up, \$59/month to maintain. Useful for alerts, Mass changes, etc.

Bill L. motioned to adjourn; Kathy R. seconded.

Fr. Alex led prayer with Our Father.

Adjourned 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Bargo