

March Pastoral Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Present: Fr. Bill, Angie Tucker, Mark Zurlinden, Bev Barnes, Sarah Holland, Paul Justice and Donna Thompson. Unexcused: Charlie Quehl

Faith Formation: Presented by Angie Tucker and Donna Thompson

February Minutes were approved and will be sent to Sylvia for publication.

Pastoral Council By-Laws: Copies of the existing by-laws will be given to all members to review for possible revisions. Council will study a section a month to re-work them to better reflect our current needs.

Mentor Families: Fr. Bill addressed the Principle's Advisory Group on the possibility of implementing a program within the Parish where Mentor Families would evangelize school families. The PAG showed interest in the program. Cincinnati Archdiocese is now mandating Evangelization of school families. The PAG suggested extending the program to all parish families. Sarah will begin the process in April.

Spring Dance: Sarah reported the plans are almost finished. There will be limit on the amount of tickets to be sold. NO outside alcohol will be allowed and will be enforced by the Pierce Township police officers hired for the evening.

Ticket prices stayed the same as they had been for Rock, Roll and Remember due to the fact this is a fundraiser and fees were paid to the performing bands this year.

Major raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The prize will be an iPad. Dance tickets and raffle tickets will be available after all weekend Masses.

School Report: 171 students are enrolled for the school year 2013-2014 at this time, but those numbers are expected to fluctuate. We will need to add an additional First grade. Kindergarten enrollment is 29. There is still room for an additional classroom if we need to add another Kindergarten class. Acceptance letters have gone out.

Pastor's Corner: The first St. Bernadette Men's weekend was held March 2nd & 3rd. The giving team had 8 members and the receiving team had 11 members. The first Women's weekend will be March 16th & 17th. The giving team will have 12 members and the receiving team will have 20 members. Fr. Bill participated in CRHP in 1988 and met monthly with his original group for 19 years.

Prayer journals are being distributed at all Masses. The cards should be filled out giving an account of how much time was spent per day in prayer. The returned cards for the first two weeks were counted and the sum was 3300 minutes.

We are in need of a Festival chairperson. Kathy Kraus will do procurements of supplies, but will not chair. The Archdiocese now wants the Business Manager of the parish to be in the counting room each night of the Festival. The Festival nets approximately \$60,000 each year.

Parish Voice: Discussion on communicating information to the Parish on upcoming events that would be of interest such as the mini-series "The Bible" or Christian genre concerts.

The next meeting will be April 10th due to Spring Break. Fr. Bill will be attending two meetings that night so Council will delay meeting time until 7:30 pm. Fr. will join at 7:45 pm after Faith Formation, which will be provided by Bev Barnes.