

St. John Neumann Pastoral Council

September 16, 2015 @ 7:00pm

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer

2. New Business
 - Reflection Day – volunteers and signup of ministries

3. Updates & Continuing Business
 - Promoting volunteers for ministries
 - Parish mission statement
 - Ministry purpose statements
 - Marian Chapel Campaign

4. Commission & Council Reports
 - Comisión Hispana Report (Adela)
 - Liturgical Council (Pat)
 - Stewardship Committee Report (Tom)
 - Specific/Immediate Ministry Issues and Needs (All)

5. Other Items of Concern or Interest to the Council

6. Closing Prayer

Council Members

PRESENT: Cathy Karlsen (Chair), Pat Hodges (Liturgical Council Rep), Tom Studer (Stewardship Council Rep), Buihe Okenu, Ann Basile, Jeff Newman, Matt Champagne (Secretary).

ABSENT: Fr. Sunny, Deacon Mike Hayward, Adela Duran, Luis Cardenas, Todd Pull (Financial Council Rep)

PROCEEDINGS

1. OPENING PRAYER

We recited the prayer for Pope Francis.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Council members shared their observations from the previous weekend of “Reflection Day”, noting the large number of volunteers who signed up for the various ministries.

3. Updates & Continuing Business

Fr. Sunny had asked the Council to meet even as he was committed to be elsewhere this evening. The Council decided to postpone discussion on the Parish mission statement and purpose statements until next month. With Todd unable to attend, there was no discussion on the Marian Chapel Campaign.

The Council spent considerable time discussing and planning for the upcoming Day of Renewal featuring Gus Lloyd. Each member took some posters to deliver to neighboring churches and volunteered to serve in some capacity at the October 10 event.

4. Commission & Council Reports

4.1 Comisión Hispana Report (Adela)

Our community and our parish are filled with ministries and ways that we can serve and reach out to those in need. Perhaps we need to find a way to be involved in something, anything, to be an active member of our communities, a focused and participating steward. God knows who and what we are. For some of us prayer and a complete trusting faith are most likely enough. However, we need to find ways to live out our faith as stewards of our many gifts.

- Eucharistic Ministry will add new members
- Christ Revive His Parrish men and women are in deep study preparing for the next retreats
- RCIA in Spanish started with more than 25 parishioners
- Mexican and Central American celebration was a big success; all proceeds go to the BLF
- CRSP have weekly motivational speakers to help grow in faith

Goals and Purpose - To share the love of our Lord Jesus Christ through Scripture, We want to comfort, support and spiritual peace of mind in a loving, close knit community. When we

gather, our understanding and appreciation of God's word increases dramatically as we share in a friendly, devout Catholic atmosphere.

Responsibilities - Our mission is to share our Lord with all His riches with each other and those with whom we come in contact.

4.2 Liturgical Council (Ann)

New Altar servers have been trained and the present servers are also being asked to do a refresher session.

The tech team is always looking for new people to be trained for audio/sound/visual projection. We have set up a new "special liturgy" planning schema. Carmen will hand anyone who is requesting a special liturgy to fill out the top part, and have it approved by Fr. Sunny, before it can be added to the calendar. The rest of the info must be submitted one month before the event. Failure to complete this form will result in loss of the space reservation. (I will have a copy for all to see).

The Share Fair is Sept. 20, and Commitment Sunday is Oct. 3-4.

4.3 Stewardship Committee Report (Tom)

The Stewardship Council is focusing on this Season of Stewardship to invite all parishioners to Live Their Faith through the Generosity of their Time & Talents.

This Sunday, we are hosting a Ministries "Time & Talent Share Fair". EVERY ministry is asked to plan to have representatives at their table for the entire time (not just after Mass) from 9am to 1pm. Since we are not having the Share Fair after the two 5pm Masses, individuals who attend those Masses could arrive at any time of the morning.

The Stewardship Committee is providing the table displays and sign-up sheets, so nothing else is needed unless the individual ministries want to bring an info sheet or something.

Catechism Café had its first class on Sunday. This year, parents of un-catechized children who are of age to receive First Reconciliation/First Communion this year are being required to attend Catechism Café, as well. Deacon Greg will cover most of the tenets of the faith on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:45 am, when PSR is in session. I covered the first class for him.

Dynamic Catholic Book Club had its first class of the season. We are using this 12-week period to cover Part III of the US Catholic Catechism for Adults, which is on Morality and the 10 commandments. Fantastic group and participation at 7:30 am on Saturday mornings!

Donuts & Discipleship is being hosted by the Knights of Columbus, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. They will host Donuts, etc. at the Share Fair this weekend, but typically will host them on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

4.4 Specific/Immediate Ministry Issues and Needs

If each Pastoral Council member could remind all Ministry Coordinators that they are expected to have coverage for this Sunday, from 9am-1pm, I would greatly appreciate it!

5. Other Items of Concern or Interest to the Council

None were brought up.

6. Prayer & Adjournment

We closed in prayer. Our next meeting is October 21 at 7pm.

Ministry Reports - September 2015

Discipleship: Buihe

Women's Catholic Bible Study (Judy Butterick and JoAnn Stoddard). WCBS has gotten off to a great start. We enjoyed our Opening Mass with Fr. Sunny assisted by Deacon Mike Mobley from St. Stephens. The current membership is 107 which is very manageable for the 6 groups with facilitators. The ladies come from 9 different parishes. Kudos to Paul Hayes and his committee for setting up our rooms. Facilitators are commenting on how much the women are enjoying this study of Isaiah. We always welcome anyone interested to visit to see if they would like to join. I am following up with last month's suggestions for the growth of SJN. Directional signs to be made for people inquiring about the Food Pantry, Parish Office, and Religious Education. We have people coming into the downstairs rooms asking for directions to these offices during group sessions. Not all ladies are from SJN to be aware of these locations or even those from SJN. Facilitators suggested signs to be placed by the elevator, outside of lower doors and upper parking lot on pillars. Thanks to SJN for letting WCBS be on property. We are excited to see the progress made on the Chapel where we will be able to have WCBS in the future.

Cursillo/Ultreya (Jeff Carr). The next Men's Cursillo weekend will be October 8-11 and the Women's weekend will be October 15-18. We expect to have a couple attendees from our parish.

Adult Evening Bible Study (Ann Hayes). We had our first evening class on A Biblical Walk with Mary. This is an 8 week study. We have 50 people on the roster, and most everyone was there. It was exciting to see such a great turnout.

Catechism Café (Cath. Adult Faith Enrich.) (Mary Lou Schwaner). Catechism Café had its first class on Sunday. This year, parents of uncatechized children who are of age to receive First Reconciliation/First Communion this year are being required to attend Catechism Café, as well. Deacon Greg will cover most of the tenets of the faith on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:45 am, when PSR is in session. I covered the first class for him.

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No Reports

Prayer Chain/Warriors (Janet Adkins)

Rosary Cenacle Prayer Group (Anne Feaster)

Small Faith Communities (Lenten Longings) (Mary Lou Schwaner)

Seven Deadly Sins/Seven Lively Virtues: (Mary Lou Schwaner)

Lord, Teach Me to Pray - Faith Groups (Chris Rowe, Terri Kucharzyk, and Mary Lou Schwaner)

Advent by Candlelight (Mary Lou Schwaner)

Adult Education Classes/Faith Formation (Deacon Greg Ollick)

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (Laura Whittington)

Support: Ann

Festival (Skip Holland) Still short folks! Losing folks due to health and commitment to other ministries.

Photography (Jim Ollick). I have been taking photos of the Marian Chapel construction and putting them on the web site. I should be at the Time & Talent Fair.

Girl Scouts (Leanne Wright). There is nothing to report for the Girl Scouts.

Boy Scouts. No report

Outreach: Jeff

From Donald Cote: The deacons have done the communion service at Laurel Grove in the past but have needed some help since we are down one deacon.

Cancer Sewing Group: The sewing group started up for this fall/winter/spring session Sept 2 and will meet the 1st and 3rd Wed each month. They are in need of additional sewers, but unfortunately the ministry leader will not be able to participate in the share-fair.

Soldiers Connection Support: All items being shipped to Afghanistan for Christmas has to be in Mickie's drop box the weekend before Thanksgiving. They will be picked up that Sunday morning after Mass. They can call Mickie Ferrante if they need items picked up at another location. 770-598-8986. All items are then packed and sent all the MONDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING...

Bereavement: The next bereavement session (8weeks) will begin the first week of October. They are hoping to have more people join so they can do better at outreach after the death of a family member.

Special Needs: We are having our first Special Needs Ministry respite on September 26th at 6:15 pm in Reynolds Hall. It will be a BBQ dinner and square dance! I would also like to say what a fantastic gathering of Christian men we had last Friday morning at our TMIY launch. I recommend it to every man to come be a part of this great spiritual awakening in the men of St. John Neumann and our friends and neighbors. And last but not least, there will be a Faith and Sharing Mass and Pot Luck Supper with Bishop Talley on October 11th, See below. If you have never attended one of these masses, please come, it will lift your hearts.

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Faith & Sharing Mass and Social
October 11, 2015 at 3:30pm with
Bishop David Talley
Saint Marguerite D'Youville
85 Gloster Road

ESL: They are now beginning their 3rd week for the fall semester. They have 51 registered students with 14 teachers and assistants over 5 levels. They will have reps at the share fair next weekend and could still use some more additional teachers and assistants.

Family Promise - They are not currently involved with any hosting but SJN has offered to host 3 families on two separate weeks in 2016. They are waiting to hear what 2 weeks we will be needed. We hope to have a FP minister at the Share Fair.

Fellowship: Cathy

Knights of Columbus are glad to report that Council 7923 raised \$1,017 from their Smoked pulled pork and BBQ Chicken take-out on Sunday, September 6, with tickets sold in advance at Masses the previous three weekend, from the SJN Congregation. These funds have fully been dedicated to SJN Life-Teen and the Confirmation retreat.

Our annual Mama Marasco Lasagna night will take place on Thursday, September 17, at Killian Hall. For details, please visit our website at www.kofclilburn.org Funds raised will be contributed to the many charities that the Knights support in our community, and at the national, and even international level.

Council 7923 will work the grill & food concession at the SJN Fall Festival on Saturday October 3rd, as they have enjoyed doing at all past Fall Festivals in full support of SJN.