

SHORT FORM REPORT Peace and Justice Commission

November 14, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jodi Knollman, Kathy Hays, Claire Tenhundfeld, Don Weinkam

ABSENT: Marian Kaiser, Debbie Otero, Mary Anne Boyd

Recorder: Kathy Hays

Maintenance: We omitted our Maintenance items to allow time for Scott Stephens presentation on refugees.

Discussion:

1. We completed our response to the Pastoral Council Survey-noting our involvement with race Place this past summer, placing articles in the bulletin regarding the heroine epidemic and proper medication disposal and sponsoring the presentation on Faithful Citizenship. We are looking at future outreach opportunities for the parish including providing opportunities for small groups from the parish to reach out in the name of Jesus and perform works of Mercy.
2. We briefly discussed Goal III from Go Make Disciples focusing on evangelization- you can evangelize by your actions. We will continue this discussion at our December meeting.
3. Outreach opportunities were briefly discussed- Matthew 25 Ministries, Quilts for Birthright and St. Francis-St. Joseph Catholic Worker house. This discussion will continue at the December meeting when other members are present.
4. Scott Stephens spoke about Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio involvement with refugee families in this area and offered several opportunities for our parish to be involved including preparing a Welcome Basket, donate various items to assist with home set ups or assist at their warehouse sorting donated items.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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SHORT FORM REPORT Pastoral Council November 15, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Patrick McMullen, Joan Dempsey, Anita Bechtold, Pat Mooney, Brenda DelFavero, Sue Tebbe. Mike Desmier also present to share report. **ABSENT:** Mark Albert **Recorder:** Anita Bechtold

Prayer: Fr. Patrick

Maintenance: Discussed our answers as Council to the organizational component of the parish survey; Joan recorded our responses, and will submit them.

Decision Items: Joan shared a letter written by Mark Albert to John Meyer, on behalf of the Parish, thanking him for his service to the Music Ministry over the past several months. All present approved and signed the letter.

No Pastoral Council meeting will be held in December. Email will be used to share the results of the surveys among the Council members.

Discussion : Fr. Patrick contacted three individuals to invite them to serve on Pastoral Council, starting in the spring. Two said yes; one more did not return his call. He will contact one more from our original list. Plans were made for tabulating the surveys. A group of Council members will meet on Friday, November 18, at 9:00 a.m., to tabulate those submitted so far. More surveys are expected after that.

Reports: The search for a new Music Minister is ongoing.

Mike Desmier presented the financial report. He indicated that contributions are dropping drastically, as is attendance. Attendance has dropped just over 14%, each of the last two years. He is projecting a 10% drop in revenue this year. He stated a Charter School has committed to leasing the school building, assuming they can enroll enough students to be financially viable. They will know by July 2017. If the lease does not materialize we will need to discuss other options for the buildings, given the decline in parish resources. He stated we do not need to take drastic action yet since the parish accounts are in good shape. He shared some concerns expressed to him informally by parishioners, about aspects of the church interior. A discussion was held, exploring options regarding these concerns.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2017

Concluding Prayer: Father Patrick