

Minutes
PPC Meeting
April 4, 2016

Attendees:

Fr. John Trout	Dan Coughlin	Eileen Glynn-Tucker
Michael Knight	Mike Mulligan	Kathleen O'Connor
Gerry Salzman	Janine Wilson	

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Kathleen led the opening prayer and discussion of breaking open next week's gospel

Pastors Comments

- Pastors of all the churches in the Archdiocese met to discuss "Renew the Parish"
 - Archdiocese is evaluating parishes
 - Important for Parishes to be self-sustaining
 - Parishes may be clustered together for support
- Father Matt will be leaving St. Joseph to go to a new church where he is needed. He will continue to be an Associate Pastor but expects to be the Pastor of a church in a couple years
- We will have a farewell celebration on June 11th. Will need to determine who will be organizing and helping with the event.
- Discussed that possibly use April 29th – St. Joseph the Worker as the Parish wide celebration in future years rather than March 19th because of all the other events happening at that time. Community Building Commission will review this alternative
- Discussed Religious Education Survey. Specific actions will be created from the survey results

Other Topics

Parish Wide Events List

- Gerry has created a list of events in the Parish.
- Discussed which events should be the Major events that are the Marquee events each year. These would be calendared first before other Parish Events
- Gerry will work with George to calendar events and ensure facility space is available as part of the Master Calendar scheduling process

Gathered and Sent Book Discussion

- Reviewed Several chapters of the book
- Had a thought provoking discussion about some of the information in the book
- Discussed possibly inviting the authors to the Parish for future education and formation

Decision Making Process

- Discussed the process for decisions.
- Discussed the role of the Finance Council, PPC and Facilities Committee
- Used the example of Preschool and playgrounds where the school and the facilities committee started working on where the finance council and PPC were not part of the strategy discussion.
- George and Janine to meet to create clarity on Facility Strategy decisions
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Commission Updates

Social Justice and Service

- Michael reviewed the Quarterly report which is below
- Discussed Lake County United. Quarterly report is below–
- Reviewed Social Justice Funding requirements – Specific report is below

Accountability

- Focus is working with Anna Roeser to support her transition into the role of Director of Administration
- Anna will forward budgets by commission to each Commission lead to review and final approval
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Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Next PPC meeting is May 2, 2016

This will be a workshop and formation. Meeting will begin at 5:30

Social Justice and Service Commission Update and Priorities 4/4/16

Focus upon faith formation, “why” we engage and embrace the Holy Year of Mercy as the central theme for all Service and Social Justice Ministries.

Grow Service Participation - In addition to ongoing ministries at homeless shelters, soup kitchens, employment and other Christian service ministries:

- The Lenten Almsgiving progress was successful and distributed 800 items on 3/20/16
- The St Joseph Food Pantry currently serves 20 families each week
- Knights of Columbus contributed Easter Baskets for families in need
- International Sharing Ministry - Peru project will be fully funded in July and we will begin exploration for our next project.
- We are meeting at 7 PM on 4/11 to update Social Justice Fund requirements – Loughry
- We are exploring a new ministry: Simple Acts of Kindness, a proactive outreach to parishioners leaving Condell. Also Renee Zorc has started a Card Ministry offering prayers and support to parishioners who are experiencing difficult life events.

Justice Education

- We will emphasize the importance of faithful citizenship and participation in the democratic process through Carpenter Articles.
- Lake County United is meeting with the Lake County Board members on mental health including Crisis Intervention Training for police, access to mental health service, and affordable housing. And improving Education in Waukegan

Respect Life Ministry– DEVELOP A SHARED VISION, COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

- Current priority is forming a leadership team
- Exploring joint efforts with neighboring parishes

Needs:

- We continue to work on sustaining our ministries for the homeless (PADs)
- The MBT Graff Center needs help to teach ESL, citizenship, and voter registration.
- The Employment Ministry is searching for new ministry leads
- We continue to invite new leadership for Lake County United

Calendar:

- The Randy and Susan Nipper are hosting an Evening with Franciscan Outreach on 4/7
- Tanzania Project Update on 4/9/16
- End of Life Issues: Dealing with Critical Medical Decisions, Msgr. Lyle, 9 AM on 4/16
- Catholic Charities Refugee Program seminar at St Mary Buffalo Grove on 4/23

April 2016 LCU Action Update:

- CIT Coordinator. **Mental Health**-LCU leaders are meeting with County Board members to build support for our three-part strategy including funding for a
- Conference in Chicago to develop relationships with key allies locally and nationally and further the effort to increase CIT trained officers in the region. **Regional Mental Health**-Meeting regularly with Rodger Heaton, Illinois Public Safety Director and Chairperson of the governor's commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform. In April, LCU and affiliate organizations are sending leaders to attend the International
- **Housing** LCU leaders are currently exploring land opportunities for affordable housing and have met with Gurnee and Libertyville mayors and city planners. -
- **Education**-Held 23 listening sessions with nearly 300 parents of the Religious Education program at Most Blessed Trinity to discuss their children's future and access to a quality education. The purpose was to *listen* and better understand the concerns and interests of Most Blessed Trinity parishioners as well as identify new potential leaders who want to act on their interests. All were invited back to a follow up meeting to continue to conversation on March 22nd. Waukegan High School parents and students set a goal to talk **300 more parents** and students to better understand college options and resources.

The Waukegan School Board continues to claim there is no need for additional college and career counselors. LCU is working to call attention to the need.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Regional Mental Health Meeting-April 9, Faith Lutheran in Glen Ellyn, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

- Regional Intro to Organizing Training-April 9 Islamic Foundation in Villa Park, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Education Team Meeting-April 19, Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan, 6:30 PM
- CIT International Conference-April 25-27, Hilton Chicago
- National Training- July 12-19, Roosevelt University in Chicago.

2015 St Joseph Catholic Church Criteria and Requirements for Social Justice Funding

Guiding Principles and Goals:

- Align our funding and support with our parish mission and vision.
- Provide clarity regarding our requirements
- Grow engagement and a greater awareness for Catholic Social Teaching and compassion for our neighbors in need and
- Emphasize a justice dimension for encouraging sustainable change

Requirements:

- We will support Catholic social service and human service organizations such as Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services.
- We will also support other social service and human service organizations that meet the following criteria.
 - Our mission is to enable the sharing of our God given talents and strengths in the service of others and our goal is to transform our parish community through engagement and faith in action experiences. We therefore require a broad base of volunteer opportunities for adult and youth volunteers.
 - We will evaluate the sustainability of all organizations that request funding including financial viability.
 - All organizations must be aligned with our parish vision and mission and with the USCCB guidelines.
- We will support organizations that work for social justice and the common good through advocacy for systemic change.

