

17th Minutes of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on March 19,2018 in Westfield, New York

Attendance: Camile, Jim, Dianna, Debby, Linda, Joe, Fran, Fr. Romy and Dan

Absent: Bob, Phil and Betty

Presider: Dan presided the meeting. Dan called the meeting to order and said the prayer.

Approval of the previous minutes (February 19, 2018 Meeting): Camile motioned to accept the minutes and Dianna seconded. All were in favor.

Agenda:

1. Unfinished Business

1.1. Upon This Rock: Dan asked if we received the material from Rick Suchan that was promised. Father responded that we have not received anything from him as of today. Camile suggested that we tabled this until our next meeting so that hopefully we will have the proposal by then. All agreed.

1.2. SDP Action Plan 2018 from EO 1 to EO 10 - Dan stated that Father Romy was the only one at the last meeting to have his one-year plan ready for Liturgy. We also discussed the other ministries putting together a one-year plan and have it ready to discuss at this meeting. Dan stated that he drew up his one-year plan for **Prison Ministry**. Dan felt that because of his position at the jail he would be the best one to do this ministry. Therefore, Dan's one-year plan was presented and is attached to the minutes. Jim asked Dan if his plan also included the Lake Shore Shock Facility in Brocton, NY. Dan responded, no, that are not affiliated in our state. Dan is not sure about their procedures, but he would like to investigate it. Jim felt that they are a part of our location, so they should also be included. Camile stated that her niece works there, and she will ask her what needs to be done. She will get back to us. Dan asked if there were any other ministries ready to present and there were none. He asked everyone to do theirs and be ready to present at the next meeting.

1.3. Parish Thrift Sale/Store Plan - Jim said that there was good and bad as is with all projects. One of the reasons that Father wanted us to go and see the items that were left is because we are not sure what to do with what is left. Jim is asking the committee for their thoughts. Jim would like someone to come in and give us a price for all the items left and take them. They pack everything and clean up. Father wants to pack everything up and save it for next year. The Council felt that it would be a lot of wasted manpower. Fran motioned to sell everything left. Joe seconded the motioned to get bids from the companies and choose one. Jim stated that we had a bake sale along with the sale and the money jars that we had placed around. All approved.

2. Reports from PPC Committees:

2.1. Education & Youth below 18 yrs. Old and above - Dianna reported that Religious Ed is going very well. One student will be making his Reconciliation on Saturday. They will be making baskets for the needy, but they felt this will wait till next year. She also informed the committee regarding comments from parents. They were very happy with what was happening in Brocton. They had left before because of the way the program was going. The teachers are very happy. Registration will be in June. Classes will stay in Brocton at this time. Linda asked, why waste the beautiful classrooms we have here in Westfield. Dianna stated that there were only two children from Westfield. Dianna stated that she was told that people are being told that classes will be back in Westfield and she asked that this should not be said unless we know for sure what is going to happen. There must be compromise. The bottom line is we must wait until the registration. Father stated that there must be a one-year plan. What is more important is the content of what is taught not where or who teaches. Linda felt there should not be a charge for this for our families. Dianna said the registration fee is for the book. Linda felt that we should have a way to raise money for this. Jim stated that we could raise money for this program, look what we did with the thrift sale. There was a lot of discussion regarding this until next meeting.

2.2. Education & Youth 18 yrs. old and above - This would be Bob, but he is out of town, so this will be tabled.

2.3. Liturgy – Father Romy reported what will happen during Holy Week. The Holy Week will be celebrated at both sites. There will be confession on Holy Thursday at both sites and Good Friday at both sites. Father Clody will be at one site and Father Romy at the other. Confession will be better than when we have it at one site. On Good Friday there will be Station of the Cross at the Lake Erie State Park, Portland in the morning at 9 a.m. and one at noon at the Moore Park, Westfield with the Interfaith members going around the different churches. We will also have Station of the Cross inside the Church at both sites at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Seven Last Words of Christ. At 3:00 p.m. we will have the Passion of the Lord service. On Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass will be at 8:00 p.m. We will have the lighting of the Easter candle and then the readings. We hope to have a baptism in Westfield. On Easter Sunday there will be Mass at both sites. At 8:30 a.m. there will be the encounter of the Blessed Virgin and the Risen Christ. The Ladies follow the procession behind the Blessed Virgin and the gentlemen follow the Risen Christ. When they will meet at the altar, the angel will remove the veil of the Blessed Virgin and then there will be singing of the Resurrexit and Alleluia. There will be Mass in Ripley on Palm Sunday at Meeder's Restaurant. Father informed that he received a letter from Bishop Malone that he should count the attendance at Mass on the week-ends of April 15, April 22 and April 29. Low Masses or attendance the Mass will be cancelled. There will be discussion at the Vicariate level. When there will be a meeting with them Father would like Jim and Fran to attend with him.

2.4. Parish Community Life: Brocton-Fran – Fran stated that not a lot went on. The weather had been a big factor. The Breakfast that we did had increased. All

the committees reported that everything had been going ok, not much new had developed. He stated that Jim and all the volunteers should be praised for everything they did. We talked about the attendance at Mass and about the Legion of Mary. We talked briefly about Catholic Charities. Jim stated that the Westfield community meeting will be next week. There was a lively meeting last meeting. The big topic was the thrift sale. The Mass in Ripley was going well. We are going to have Mass in Ripley every last Sunday of the month for the rest of the year. Jim brought up about the counting at Mass. He feels we do more for our parish than go to church and they should know what all we do. This should all be noted. Father wanted to thank all for the St. Patrick's get together and the St. Joseph's gathering. It was all very nice, and he loved the music. Father said when there is music you forget the problems.

2.5. Building & Grounds - Joe reported that he and Father had met and discussed maintenance rules with Bill. There are some trees down at Brocton and when the weather is better they will be taken care of. The row of trees between the church and the next house are becoming a problem. The neighbor said that they are causing a drainage problem. Joe said when the weather changes they will look at it. The row of trees has become very large and the neighbor is worried about them falling on his house. It appears the line for the property is that line of trees. Joe said the neighbor takes trees down for a living so if we decide we might get them down for free. Bill is getting a quote on getting the gutters fixed in Westfield. We are waiting on that.

2.5.1. Cemetery – Jim reported that besides getting the columbarium approved, not much has been done till Bob returns from the south.

2.6. Finance – Camile reported that the books are all up to date, done through February. Hopefully next month we will get an update from Betty.

3. Agenda arising from the reports –

3.1. Dan asked about Upon This Rock and wondered that since we haven't heard from them that maybe we could reach out to them. Jim stated that he and Father discussed that, and we feel we should wait till we hear from them.

3.2. Jim brought up the seminar on church security at Mayville. Jim, Randy, Father and Joe will be attending a seminar on church security. The seminar will talk about the violence at places of worship, etc. They will report on that at the next meeting. Dan also will be attending this.

3.3. Debby said that the Knight of Columbus would like to know if they could have approval to have a Fish Dinner on Good Friday. It would be from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There was much discussion on this, pros and cons. Joe motioned to let them have it and Camile seconded the motion. There was one opposed to the motion.

The next meeting will be April 16th in Brocton at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Father said the closing prayer.

Recorded by Debby Ruland