

18th Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on April 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. in Brocton, New York

Attendance: Linda Wolfe, Jim Crolle, Betty DeLand, Joseph Giambra, Dianna Giambra, Camile Belcher, Dan Quagliana, Fr. Romeo Hontiveros and Phil Baideme.

Absent: Bob Ducato and Fran Lus

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

Approval of the previous minutes (March 19, 2018): Dan had a correction to the minutes, 1.2 SDP Action Plan -- The minutes should read: Dan responded, no, they are not affiliated with the county system -- (not..in our state). Jim motioned to approve the minutes with correction and Phil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Agenda:

1. Unfinished Business

1.1 Upon This Rock: Dan read the letter that Rick submitted. This letter stated that if St. Dominic put forth a “good faith” effort and raised at least \$12,500, our past education assessment would be paid in full. This should be kept confidential. This would start May 1, 2018 and conclude by June 30, 2018. Betty motioned to accept the proposal and Camile seconded. The committee voted in favor except Linda and Phil, which opposed it.

1.2 SDP Action Plan 2018 from EO 1 to EO 10 -

1.2.1 Education & Youth below 18 yrs. Old - Dianna is working on her plan.

1.2.2 Parish Community Life: Brocton-Fran - Fran was absent so no report. Westfield/Ripley - Jim talked about the Thrift Sale. To date we have raised \$2,058.02. We had items that were taken to a vendor that will subsequently try to sell out the items and they will receive a percentage of each item. He is still looking for someone to take the remaining items.

1.2.3 Buildings & Grounds - Joe submitted his one-year plan. Please see attached copy.

1.2.4 Cemetery - Bob was absent, but Jim informed the council that the Columbarium has been moving forward. They are hoping for a completion date by Memorial weekend. There will be bricks and

shrubs that people can purchase for memorials, to help with the perpetual care of the cemetery.

1.2.5 Communication - Website - Joe, Debby and Linda had nothing to report.

2.3 Parish Thrift Sale/ Store Plan - Jim and Father have been meeting with representatives regarding small business. He will have more to report at a later time.

2. Reports from PPC Committees:

2.1 Education & Youth below 18 yrs. - Dianna reported that she has been working on the Safe Environment Program. She stated that all teachers, parents and volunteers that work with children, need to attend the Virtus Training "Protecting God's Children". She is also working on background checks along with getting signatures for the Code of Conduct forms. Dianna also informed the council that classes have been well attended. We had one child who received his first Reconciliation on March 24th. Our Easter Sunday service in Brocton went very well with everyone participating, with a special presentation of the encounter of Mary and the Risen Christ before the Easter Sunday Mass. Classes will end on April 29th. We had very good attendance. Registration will begin for 2018-2019, the first two weekends of June. She will be meeting with the Diocesan religious education office for full information on the new program very soon. Dan brought up a program that Denise Williams and Tiffany Travis wanted to do. They wanted an art program for Mother's and Young Children. They also wanted to have registration for Faith Formation at that time. Father and Dianna stated that registration has nothing to do with this program as they would have people from all religions present at that time. It was decided that registration would not be done at that time. It was also suggested they bring this up at the Westfield Community Meeting. Linda questioned Diana about using the classrooms in Westfield. There was a lot of discussion about this and being there was only 2 students from Westfield, it just didn't make sense.

2.2 Education & Youth 18 yrs. Old and above - Bob was absent, so no report. Father did state that Bob would be doing a Lector Training Program in May.

2.3 Liturgy - Father spoke about Holy Week- The Passion, Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, Stations of the Cross and Jesus' Seven Last Words. These were performed at both sites and worked out very well. He also informed the Council that there would be a Mass in Ripley the last Sunday of every month.

2.4 Parish Community Life – Jim spoke about a survey that he and Father came up with. They would like all parishioners to complete this. It will help us see which site people prefer which time. It also has questions that would help us grow as a Parish. He asked that all members take time now to complete this. He will also take them to Community meetings to have them complete it.

2.5 Buildings & Grounds - Joe stated that Larry Westin removed the trees next to the Rectory that had blown down. The damaged eaves trough on the side of the classrooms and the Rectory, had been repaired by Mike's Seamless Gutters. Mike DeLorenzo started to replace the roof over the bay window, in Westfield. There is work in the Rectory in Brocton that needs attention. (See Joe's report) The new fence in Westfield where the gate is, needs to be repaired. He also talked about the neighbor in Brocton that would like to cut down the pine trees.

2.6 Finance Report - Betty reported that everything is going fine. Everything is up to date. She ran some reports for Father to review. If anyone would like to see them, they are in the office.

3. Agenda arising from the reports -

3.1 Bishop Malone's Letter on Mass attendance and the church's pew-capacity. Father reported that the official weeks that the Bishop wanted Mass attendance was April 15, 22, & 29th. We also had to measure the pews every 24 inches. It must be every 24 inches for seating capacity at each site. In Brocton it works out to be 155 and in Westfield it was 144. There was discussion about removing some pews. However, it was decided to leave things as is. Phil motioned, and Linda seconded. Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting and Phil seconded. Unanimously approved.

Closing Prayer: Father said the closing prayer.

Recorded by: Debby Ruland, Secretary