

Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Council Meeting in Dominican Hall
Minutes 2-24-20

Pastoral Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Widder, Fr. Norberto Sandoval, Jeanne Bitkers, Tom Clarke, Mary Dalhaimer, Laura Graney (later), Mary Greeneway, Steve Heun, Don Holmes, Michele Konrad, Kym Leibham, Kate Nienhuis, Mary Petrie, Anne Skowlund, Oscar Valdez, and Bea Van Geffen

Excused Council Members: Vern Baus, Brad Bulkow, Tom Dinolfo, Rosa Flores, Chris Roenitz, and Steve Scharrer

Guest: Roseanne Krueger - RCIA Coordinator Chair Michele Konrad called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Chair Michele Konrad called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Matthew

November 25, 2019 SNCP Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes: Beth Munns should be listed as a staff member in the January Minutes. Motion made by Steve Heun to approve with correction. Seconded by Don Holmes. Motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

1. Prayer and Worship - Holy Name and St. Clement -Mary Petrie
 - Lenten Calendar of County Parishes liturgical Celebrations and Events has been completed and distributed to all Sheboygan County Parishes
 - Lenten Cantata will be done at Holy Name and St Peter Claver and involves people from all city parishes
 - Lenten Charity collections: Fr. Matthew - Catholic Charities; Fr. Norberto - Casa Romero
2. Prayer and Worship - St. Dominic - Don Holmes
 - Suggestions:
 - List Parish Council Members in the Northside Parishes Bulletin
 - Shorten announcements at Mass
 - Coming Events:
 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - November 27
 - Gospel Choir Workshop
 - New Evangelization Summit -April 25

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3. La Junta Spanish Ministry - Oscar Valdez
- Minutes from La Junta will be shared and kept on file with other Pastoral Council Committee Minutes
 - St. Clement Church environment will include Anglo and Hispanic artifacts and decorations
 - A mini retreat is being planned for couples
 - The traditional Valentine Day's dance will be held during the summer this year and a Mexican Cultural Event is being considered
 - Food Items will be sold during the JMKAC Art Festival this summer
 - Members of La Junta and Fr. Norberto are working with the Common Council to try and improve street lighting around St. Clement

Pastor's Report: Fr. Matthew

- The new Website is now up and running. Special thanks to Kym Leibham and other Committee Members
- Information regarding the appointment of a new Pastor will be shared at the end of April.
- Thank you to Julie Engman who took the lead on the 40 Days/40 Words Lenten Scripture Project.

Associate Pastor's Report:

Bulletin translations may not be entirely accurate at this time. Work to improve the quality continues.

Fr. Norbie reported that the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has a five year Hispanic Ministry Plan. The same is true for African Americans. To date, we do not have a plan here with our SNCP. Maybe a representative from the Archdiocese can come to Sheboygan and discuss components of the Hispanic Ministry Plan with us?

For young Hispanic ladies planning to celebrate their Quinceanera this year, contact should be made with the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance. These young ladies should also be enrolled in Confirmation classes.

Fr. Norbie would like to celebrate a bilingual Novena this year; maybe around the feast day of St. Clement or Christmas time.

The movie entitled, "Unplanned", will be shown at SD (in Church) on March 7, 2020, at 6:30 PM. Fr. Norbie inquired whether or not the movie should be shown with

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Spanish subtitles? A motion was made by Bea and seconded by Don that Spanish subtitles should be featured. Motion passed unanimously.

Three talks pertaining to "Refugee and Immigration" were recently held at St. John the Baptist in Plymouth. Representatives from our SNCP were in attendance.

Fr. Norbie agreed to send Laura the monthly Junta minutes (in Spanish), so that they can be disseminated to SNCP Pastoral Council members along with other committee reports.

Google Translator is utilized to translate Fr. Norbie's "Welcome Message" on our SNCP website into Spanish.

Old Business:

Presentation/Discussion: Roseanne Krueger- SNCP RCIA Coordinator
(Pastoral Council Goals/Strategy 7: Sacraments)

Roseanne started her discussion by highlighting her educational background and previous job experiences prior to coming to our SNCP. She stated that she really enjoys being with our SNCP!

During her first year, eleven catechumens and candidates were involved with the RCIA program; six during the summer. This year (to date), there have been from seven to thirteen candidates. Five more candidates will start the next session (maybe this summer)?

Roseanne likes to start each of her RCIA training sessions with a discussion pertaining to parts of the Mass, in order for the candidates to get the most out of participating in the Mass. Other topics include: the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Rosary, the Miraculous Medal of Mary, holy water and dispensers, etc.

Roseanne really enjoys teaching middle school students. This love of teaching young people probably started when she began teaching catechism in junior high!

A question was raised regarding the easiest way for people to find Roseanne? She replied, "Via our SNCP website and bulletin. Several referrals are also received from Fr. Matthew." Many people will often consider RCIA, when entering into Marriage, or Baptism for their children.

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Fr. Norbie mentioned that Martha Cerda Rios is involved with the Spanish RCIA ministry. She will often go into the homes, teaching one on one. There are presently six Hispanic individuals going through RCIA instruction with her. Roseanne mentioned that she is working with three Hispanic (bilingual) high schoolers. Instruction has been delayed with these students due to sports commitments.

Roseanne mentioned that a typical RCIA session runs from October to Easter. If a session is held during the summer, candidates meet once per week, from June to the end of August. Most people who start the RCIA process, finish it!

Roseanne would be willing to come to each of our three Northside Catholic parishes and speak to our parishioners about the RCIA process, prior to the beginning of Mass.

Pastoral Council Goals/Strategy 8: Welcoming

To consider how to create a spirit of welcoming to all. -Specifically, welcoming others to the celebration of our faith- The Mass.

Information that was forwarded by Mike Short, our SNCP Stewardship Committee Chair. Archdiocese of Milwaukee website:

<https://www.archmil.org/offices/parish-stewardship/Hospitality-Presentation.htm>

Pastoral Council members were encouraged to view the PowerPoint presentation that was forwarded to us by Mike. Steve remarked that he thought that some good points were made in the presentation developed by Barb Vite. Maybe we could all jot down a few "takeaway messages" after viewing the PowerPoint presentation, and use this as a way to start a discussion on the topic at our next Pastoral Council meeting. Fr. Norbie mentioned that there is an excellent national "Stewardship" conference held every year.

Framed Copy of Pastoral Council Members (2019-20) - were disseminated to a representative from St. Clement and St. Dominic. This same photo is depicted on the monitor in the Narthex of HNJ.

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Coming Events:

1) Parish Transition Team: Appendix B Handout

Ideally, should feature -- 2 Staff, 2 Pastoral Council Members and 1 Parishioner per parish. Staff members identified for this task, include Mary Petrie, Tom Dinolfo and Lori Woelfel. Any interested Pastoral Council representatives? Kym Leibham volunteered. Tuesday, June 16th is moving day for all of the Pastors being assigned/reassigned. Opening Masses for new Pastors will be June 20th and 21st.

2) Hispanic Ministry: Writing Letters and Speaking to Auxiliary Bishop Schuerman.

Fr. Norbie mentioned that members of the Hispanic Ministry are planning on speaking to/writing to Auxiliary Bishop Schuerman for consideration of Fr. Norbie as our new Pastor.

3) The 175th Anniversary of HNJ

Pastoral Council members were each asked to take a slip of paper that contained a colored dot corresponding with the color of the marker on the table where we were to respond with our initial thoughts related to possible events that could be held to celebrate this momentous occasion!

4) Annual Parishes Meeting

Event to be held at SD, on Monday, March 30th. Possible topics for discussion include: 1) a snapshot of Committees, 2) More emphasis on the financial standing of parishes, and 3) a future "talent fair".

5) Lenten Scripture and Soup Supper Series

Just a friendly reminder that our Pastoral Council is hosting the first night of this series, to be held on Tuesday, March 3rd. Mass is at 6 PM, Soup Supper at 6:30 PM, and Lenten Scripture at 7 PM. There are still openings for soup donors. Please sign up via the sign up genius link sent previously. A suggestion was made to Laura to ask Jacqueline Guilbeault to put a reminder on the SNCP Facebook page regarding the need for soup donors.

6) 40 Days for Life

Runs from February 26th through April 5th. Peaceful, prayerful walking on the sidewalk along New Jersey Avenue and S.Taylor Drive, by Planned Parenthood.

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Closing Prayer: Steve Heun

Next Meeting: March 23, 2020 at SC - Dominican Hall, 6:30 PM.

Committee Reports (if available) are due by March 15, 2020. Please send to laura9326@charter.net.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Bitkers and Laura Graney recording secretary