

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/ACTIONS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

January 7, 2015

We have not heard from the company about a delivery of the parish pictorial directory. Also tabled awaiting further information is the permanent sign. This would be an informational sign for both the school and church.

On behalf of the 7th Grade Spaghetti Dinner planners, Chrissie Guiher presented for approval a fundraiser idea. A one-day fishing outing at Marblehead for six people is the prize. To enter, individuals will purchase a numbered space on a board for \$10. One randomly chosen number will be revealed as the winning number. A Sub Sale is also planned. The subs will be ordered on January 17-18 and 24-25 and picked up on Friday, January 30.

The written Athletic Association report stated that basketball is going well; it will finish in February. Sign ups for baseball and softball will begin the second or third week of January. The association will hold a Charity Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 17 with adult (men 30 and older) players. The proceeds from the team fees and audience admissions, as well as the planned concessions, 50/50 raffle and silent auction, will be donated to benefit the Hejduk family and employees of the Ohio Deli, which burned down.

In the received School Advisory Board Agenda from December 2014, Fr. Leo's update included a job opening for a janitor. There were no questions or concerns in regards to the Preschool, School and Parish Financial updates. Volunteerism was discussed. The turnout for Breakfast with Santa seemed to be good. SAB members need to get feedback from other parents and a survey for suggestions was proposed. There are three school website options up for discussion. Their next meeting is January 14.

Parish Festival Planning Meetings will be Wednesdays, April 22; May 27; July 15; August 5 at 6:30 p.m. Our 2015 Festival dates are Friday and Saturday, August 21 & 22. Mike Lotz said the number of tables available for use at the festival has been dwindling, and suggested ordering a few replacements each year so we will not have to make a sizable order all at one time. An electronic file for the panels is in progress. He praised the Knights of Columbus for their help in setting up and tearing down the festival.

About 40 EDGE students helped with the Christmas Basket Assembly in December and then had their annual party. They meet twice in January. No Parents Night Out was scheduled in December, one will be held on Friday, January 16. Our Parish is hosting the diocesan middle-school youth rally, known as the Bosco Bash on Saturday, January 31. There will be about 400 participants here; the event will include a Mass.

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are coming up in Lent. There is a Breakfast to Support Seminarians scheduled for Sunday, February 1. The Free Throw Shoot will be here on Saturday, January 24. A Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Thursday, January 15 with sign ups in the church January 10 & 11.

The next West Deanery meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27. Also meeting on that date is our Faith Life Committee. An Evening of Reflection is planned for February 24. The theme is how to have a faith-filled Lent; Elizabeth Ficocelli of St. Gabriel Radio is the speaker. A new Bible study on the Psalms will begin in January.

We recently received a sizeable donation of restaurant equipment. There are a number of coffee pots, a cooler, shelving and other items. The Knights of Columbus have already looked for things which might be of use to them.

The Facebook page seems to be going well. In other electronic news, the first mass e-mail has been sent out. We are still a bit away from checking on people's preferences in the area of what types of notices or other communications they wish to receive from the parish electronically.

Katie W and Fr. Leo went to a meeting concerning the World Meeting of Families and Papal visit to Philadelphia this September. Our parish is exploring the idea of taking a bus on Saturdays and returning after the Mass. The Mass will be celebrated outside on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. It is likely that the Pope will also be visiting in New York and Washington DC.

Having the hymnals and missalettes in the pews has only received compliments from those who have commented. Father Leo offered his great appreciation to the music ministry for stepping up to make the Holy Day services as well as Lessons and Carols run smoothly. He asked Mark O'Loughlin if the Knights of Columbus would assist with taking down and storing the Christmas decorations.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015.