

NOVEMBER 2017 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Keith McGuinness, Clare Charzewski, Michelle Curnow, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Scott Phillips, & Ellen Wentz

Members Absent: John Fout, Lawton Blandford, Colleen Sutton, Matt Gibbons, Juan Saiz, & Scott Spanbauer

Opening Prayer: Michelle Curnow

1. Presentation/Review of Secretary's minutes for October 2017 PPC meeting – Fr. Frank

October PPC minutes were reviewed, corrections were made, and the minutes were then approved and accepted by the council members present.

2. Follow Up on Encuentro 5 – Father Frank

Father Frank asked the group if anyone had anything else to add to last month's ideas. No one had any further suggestions to add to the comprehensive list, therefore, the discussion on Encuentro has ended. The staff will start to work on the proposed suggestions.

3. Building Committee – Father Frank

The committee is meeting with the architect as they ask questions and rethink the size and location of specific areas of the new church. More information will be available in January.

4. Great Catholic Parishes – Father Frank

Discussion was held by group on our second reading assignment, Part II of Great Catholic Parishes. Various points of interests were discussed:

- a. Many strategies listed in the book to aid in spirituality and discipleship are already occurring at Queen of the Apostles.
- b. The question was asked by a member "How do you knit people together?" as stated on page. 89. Fr. Frank answered, by starting with the Liturgy and making the Mass intercultural, so all people have an identity. Other ways to "knit" the community together, is to include every culture in worship, make cultural opportunities part of the community throughout the year, and introduce the different cultural practices to the church.
- c. Another member mentioned the undervalued assets of the parish by asking how can you increase the number of actively engaged members of a church? By having a Ministry Fair weekend, strong RCIA program, and personally asking members.
- d. When parishioners are intentionally sought out for a ministry and they are specifically asked to give their talent and time, most agree to be involved.
- e. Members are assigned to read the rest of the book, pages 97-178 for January's meeting

5. Small Groups

Lessons on how to pray- communal prayer as the body of Christ has had a great response.

6. Gastonia Grizzlies Fundraiser- Father Frank

This fundraiser, for the Building Fund, would be a social event in the summer (July 20th). Tickets are \$15 for all you can eat and includes the ticket. Scott Phillips will coordinate this event. More information will be provided at a later time.

7. Father Frank's Good News – Father Frank

- a. Emergency Plan Committee. As of now, there is no current plan for an evacuation. Members looked at an emergency plan handout from a different parish. Staff looked around current buildings for “safe places” for a tornado and found limited areas. Fr. Frank wants a plan (finished by summer) from this committee. Deacon Zeke, Michelle Curnow and one other person (Law Enforcement) will make up the committee.
- b. Our RCIA/RCIC program is now up to 24 candidates, 5 under 18 yrs.
- c. The Circus Ministry collections was \$7200

8. Closing Prayer – Keith

Next meeting is January 18th, 2018