

OUR LADY OF HOPE PASTORAL COUNCIL Minutes –January 14, 2016

Present: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J., Cindy Russell, Acting Chair, Kristen Connelly, Mike Pizzo, Andy Litcher, David Reese, Sr. Claire Pouliot, Rob Kennedy Jensen, Bill Burke, Mary Cafazzo,

Excused:

Opening Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

Minutes – Error in December minutes – Tree work was done December 28th, not November 28th. Minutes were approved & accepted with date change

Updates:

- **The Events Committee:** Mary Cafazzo reported that the Valentine's Social will be held February 13, 2016 @ St. Pius X; Mystery/Dinner Theater will be April 9, 2016 (details are being finalized); St. Patty's Dinner will be Saturday, March 12, 2016; and the Parish BBQ will be Saturday, June 25th. Confirmation & 1st Eucharist will be held October 16, 2016 at 3PM at St. Pius X.

- **School** - Bill Burke reported that Catholic Schools Week will be January 31 – February 6. with a number of activities planned for the week. Bishop Deeley will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's on Wednesday, February 3rd and visit all the classes @ St. Brigid following the Mass. This being the Holy Year of Mercy, the students will be doing different projects such as caring for the sick, giving to those who have less and similar projects along these lines (age appropriate) during the year.

Bill stated that a 100 new families have already committed for the next school year. There are a few more families that are looking into coming to St. Brigid as well. Pre K looks like it is full. As of this date, there are 340 students registered for the next school year.

Bill reported that the Principals of St. Thomas, St. James schools & himself are collaborating together to plan activities for the Lenten season.

Continuing Business: Mary stated that help will be needed @ 11AM this Friday to set up for the Community Lunch which is sponsored by this Council for this month.

- **Parish Photo:** Mary stated that the Lifetouch Company is the company that she has been talking with for the Parish Photo project. Council agreed that the Parishioners should be canvassed first to see if this is a project that they would be interested in participating in. Mary will write up a brief summary about the product, and also question the parishioners if they would participate by having their family photo and if anyone is willing to work on the project. This information will be put in the bulletin as an insert with a tear sheet to return to the office to see if there is enough participation from the parishioners. A small discussion ensued among the Council Members. Following the discussion, Council agreed to explore & support this project.

- **Outreach to the Parish:** Fr. Paul reported that the 12th Night was a success. Council members asked how previous activities/events that have been done were received. Fr. Paul responded moderate but promising. Fr. Paul asked the Council members to keep their ears tuned to the opinions of the parishioners in regards to their feelings about the community. Do the parishioners feel we are going in the right direction or would they like to see some changes – more retreats, workshops and if so what types.

Fr. Paul stated that music style can help or hinder the liturgy. After meeting with the music ministers of the Parish, they have come up with a common set of Responses for all Masses which will be started this month.

Council members wanted to know what had happened to the Music Issue/Missal folders? Seems like we are short in the pews. A small discussion ensued regarding the music issue.

New Business:

● **Websites –**

- A) Look @ other websites to get ideas
- B) Have the ability to have our Mass on-line
- C) Link with Facebook
- D) Other avenues to try

Our bulletin is already on-line. If you would like to receive it, let Andy know.

Next meeting Cindy will do a demonstration on how different websites format

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of the month – **February 11, 2016 @ 7PM** in the Parish Office Rectory. Please bring suggestions on doing specific projects for the Holy Year Of Mercy.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Paul Sullivan, S.J.

Respectfully submitted, Linda McCormack