

ST. TIMOTHY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

December 3, 2014 Minutes

PRESENT: Father Bolte, Rick Harvey, Sue Keller, Miriam Burkart, Phil Sheehy, Trey Nix, and Gary McManus.

EXCUSED: Jeremy Hayden, Bill Anderson, Tony Riegling, Michael Vogt

GUESTS: Deb Thomas, Cheryl Muench, Katy Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER: Rick Harvey called the meeting to order.

OPENING PRAYER: Sue Keller led A Prayer for Guidance.

FINANCE: Cheryl Muench represented Finance.

- Shared report – Parish brought in \$250k in profit last year to add to Reserve
- Finance Council looked at feasibility of using \$2 million of the \$2.5 million reserve for the School and believes that it will not jeopardize Parish operations. School funding will still be short by less than \$1 million
- Letter in next Companion will explain what is happening

PRE-SCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN: Deb Thomas represented.

- Pre-School is looking to expand with the following changes and needed Pastoral Council Approval:
 - Start Pre-K in Fall 2015 for students between pre-school and kindergarten
 - Add Kindergarten class in morning – requires funding for room changes for Room 1 and 2
- Kentucky changing the starting age requirements in 2016 from 5years old by Oct 1 to 5 years old by Aug 1
- Pre-school started with \$50k loan that was partially used and paid back in one year
- Kindergarten started with loan of \$10k and was paid back in less than a year
- School currently nets about \$35k profit
- Estimate for additional materials (new tables and chairs that are useable for children up to adults, etc) plus fire-code changes to rooms and locks for doors will require about \$30k or less.
- Vote – unanimously passed

OUTREACH – ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Katy Sullivan represented.

- Katy thinks this will be a good fit for St. Timothy Outreach
- Possibly setup a Council at St. Timothy to assist people in Union
- Currently, no council exists to service Union, including trailer parks nearby, so all assistance is by referral only and parish does all admin work to check stories and needs.
- Council would train St. Timothy volunteers and connect volunteers for visits to needy (2 trained people per visit)
- Help could be vouchers for food/rent/help shopping/etc.
- Pool of volunteers would need 6-8 people

- No facility requirements – St. Vincent de Paul Society would field calls, removing burden from St. Timothy
- St. Vincent de Paul would come in January (?) to present to parish at Mass to get started
- Vote – unanimously passed

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES: approved unanimously.

PILLAR REPORTS:

WORSHIP: Miriam Burkart. No December meeting

OUTREACH: Rick Harvey presented the Pillar Report for Bill Anderson (report attached).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Gary McManus presented the Pillar Report (report attached).

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: Trey Nix presented the Pillar Report (report attached).

EDUCATION: Rick Harvey presented the Pillar Report for Michael Vogt for PSR (attached)

COMMUNITY: Phil Sheehy presented the Pillar Report (report attached).

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- **School** – Bishop has put school on hold, not cancelled it, and sent a letter of recommendations to the Parish. Father Bolte is drafting a response
 - **Arts & Environment** – the leadership has resigned, so there will be some restructuring for how Arts & Environment will be run. Proposal is to divide year into 6 seasons for volunteers and to have one person oversee, rather than a few people do it all.
 - **Super 8 Shooting**
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NEW BUSINESS:

Opening Prayer for February 4 – Sue Keller will lead A Prayer for Guidance.

Closing Prayer for February 4 – Miriam Burkart

CLOSING PRAYER: Gary McManus

Respectfully submitted,
Trey Nix
Trey Nix

[ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW]

OUTREACH REPORT

December 2014

- The November meeting was the Grant selection only. The Grants that were discerned were:
Brighton Center, INC, Newport
Capernum -Young Life, Florence
Hope Ministries, Florence
Notre Dame Urban Education, Covington,
Lovesome Stables, Dry Ridge
Diocesan Catholic Children's Home, Ft. Mitchell
Alternate one was Mentoring Plus, Newport.
Father Bolte needs to give the final approval, and not certain they are approved. The Outreach Projects need to be coordinated (months, type of projects etc.)
- The discernment went well, with all Board members present. Katy was the moderator & did an excellent job also.
- Katy cancelled our December Meeting because of all the Outreach projects etc. that we all help out with in December.
- The Thanksgiving food drive went well. Had 270 cases of food delivered to our organizations- City Heights., Gallatin Co. CAC & St. Bernard Food Pantry in Dayton, Ky.
- This weekend we placed giving tree tags on the tree & gifts should be returned by next weekend. Alternative Christmas weekend is Dec. 6/7th.
- The November Grant project went very well. We actually had more help then we needed & more desserts then you can imagine. We served 150 guests. Burlington cottages (teens) & younger children from the Devou cottages (7-12) were polite, grateful, & some lucky enough to have their parents/families have dinner with them. Trusting in God is the best thing to do when heading an Outreach project. We had enough food (McHales Catering prepared the dinner) that we sent some home with the boys & even some of their families. Each cottage went home with extra desserts, something which they don't get very often after meals, & even some family members were able to take them to their own homes. One lady quietly asked if she could take 5 meals home with her & she would provide her aunts & uncles with a surprise turkey meal for Thanksgiving. Hope they enjoyed the food in their own home setting this year instead of a food kitchen. Have lots of stories & as usual you receive more than you give.

COMMUNITY REPORT

December 2014

Jennifer Fedders

- Breakfast with Santa is Saturday. We expect to have around 375 guest and 50+ volunteers.
- The dinner dance is February 14. If you register before the new year you can get your tickets at a discount \$45 each (instead of \$50). We are always looking for donations, please keep it in mind. We will have a band/DJ combo again and expect it to be a great time!
- Fish Fry's start Friday, Feb. 20. I have confirmation that my drive thru volunteers are returning, which is great news.
- I am working on coordinating with a few other parishes' festival committees to share some year-to-year expenses to help cut cost.

ADULT FAITH REPORT

December 2014

- Thanksgiving Ecumenical Gathering was at St. Timothy's November 23, 2014 at 4pm. Boy scouts, girl scouts police and fire fighters were in attendance. Pumpkin pie was served in Brodnick hall afterwards.
- Magnet Flags (ribbons?) were handed out for Veterans Day weekend. Scouts helped to hand them out.
- Will look into it hand out packets to bring people back to the church more after the Holidays. We will discuss at next meeting
- Next Meeting will be in January
- Robert Rogers will be at St. Tims on May 3, 2015. There will be a Potluck dinner after the 11:30 mass. Talk will start at 2:30 till 4:00
- Fr. Maher will do a ½ day mission on February 21, 2015 to start the Bible Study with Jeff Cavins. Info at: <http://ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/adult-bible-study>.
- New sessions for Theology of the Body will take place in September and October 2015.
- Encouraging RCIA and Confirmation sponsors to take candidates to the stations on the hill and walk them together. Both

CRHP

- Men's CRHP was held the weekend of November 29. By all accounts, it was a great success. People are still talking about the awesome chili that was served on Sunday.
- Tess Freeman stepped down as spiritual director for women's CRHP. A replacement has already been found and they are on track.
- Next Meeting is on December 10.

Youth Ministry Report

December 2014

Paul Dierig

- We have been invited by the Adult Faith Formation to the Thanksgiving Ecumenical service on November 23. We are looking forward to that service.
- We had our own Adoration service on Nov 16. Thank you to Dr. Deacon Dave for leading us with the Adoration.
- We will be holding our first fundraiser on Dec 7. These fundraisers will be for the Mission Trip to Mexico which is scheduled for the second week in June, 7 -13. This fundraiser will be a Parents day out to get some Christmas shopping done. We are going to be watching their children with the outreach committee. All proceeds will go to the Mission Trip. Our first fundraiser is "Parent Shop Day". We will be providing day care and activities for the children of Parishioners'. Our Outreach Committee will be working alongside us.
- On a personal note I have been appointed to the Diocese Youth Advisory Board by our Bishop. This board will plan Diocese wide events including (World Youth Day, in Poland) Youth 2000 retreat, as well as National youth conferences. I am looking forward to sitting on this board and working with fellow Diocese Youth Ministers.
- Our March for Life trip is ready to go!! We will be gone for three days in January 21, 22 and 23. I have ten spots reserved but can always get more.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

December 2014

Debbie Froschauer

PSR ~ grades 1 - 8:

Current & Upcoming Events:

- Alternative Christmas Fair is December 6 & 7. The Confirmation students will be working the fair to represent their class's agency that they adopted and visited. The students are required to work at least two hours each for service hours toward Confirmation. A big PR push is in place to advertise the event and increase attendance.
- All PSR classes participated in outreach projects. All items made will be given to various northern Kentucky agencies to help during the holiday. Also, 7th graders made blankets that will be sent to Joey Shelton and the other seminarians that are in Pennsylvania. The PSR group will be sending Joey gift cards, notes and other gifts to encourage and support him during his time in the seminary.
- Confirmation Sponsor Night was scheduled for Monday, November 17. The evening was cancelled due to the snow. The evening will not be rescheduled.
- The First Reconciliation Retreat was on Sunday, November 23 in Brodnick Hall. Students and parents made two items that will be used at the First Reconciliation. Fr. Bolte also spoke to the kids and parents about the significance of going to reconciliation.
- First Reconciliation will be held on Monday, December 15 at 5:30 and 7:00pm. A dinner will be held in the Parish Center in between the two services for all the priests.

Planning & Long Range Projects:

- Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 10. The YCET team from the Diocese will conduct the retreat for the Confirmation Candidates.
- Confirmation is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27.

St. Paul School Principal Report to the St. Timothy Pastoral Council

December 2014

Tony Riegling

1. School is going well. Our students are learning well and conferences went very well.
2. See Table 1 for the current data on registration. We have added three students since last meeting.
3. We are seeing some very exciting returns on our Blue Ribbon School announcement. Blue Ribbon Week was successful. Bishop Foys opened our celebration with Vespers. The Messenger printed a nice article about Sunday's reception and display of the plaque. We had some fun with the events. St. Henry District High School was nice enough to provide a Kona Ice for everyone during Friday's lunch.
4. We are using the STAR Early Literacy (K-2), STAR Reading (1-8), and STAR Math (1-8) tests to help measure student achievement. All students were tested to begin the year, and again at the end of the trimester. Most showed some improvement. The tests take 15-20 minutes during computer class. They provide important information on the current skill levels of students, their progress, and help establish appropriate benchmarks for growth.
5. Title I tutoring in reading and math is under way after school for 1 hour, four days a week. Tutoring will also be available for 30 days during the summer. Tutoring is free to qualifying students. We are nearing the end of camp 2 (of 7). Most students are showing significant gains. Students who do not make gains are being invited to subsequent camps.
6. Our PeaceBuilders program is in use throughout the school. The program seems to be going nicely.
7. Our archery team is up and running, with a few shoots under their belt. They are doing well for a first-year team.
8. Our technology program is continuing to take shape. We have determined that Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education are the direction we will take. We have set up Google accounts for the staff and have a classroom set of Chromebooks which we are preparing for use by an entire class at a time. We are also exploring the increase in internet accessibility (pipeline) and the associated costs. Others who have set up similar programs advise we need at least 50mbps uplink and 100mbps downlink. We are also exploring improved devices for the teaching staff. The best candidate seems to be a tablet with a docking station.
9. Our application for a grant from the Durr Foundation was approved. We received a check for \$12,000 dollars to spend on teacher training and computers. We are continuing to pursue other grants as well, including e-rate funding from the US government. E-rate helps pay for basic communications connections and maintenance. We hope to qualify for a minimum of 40%.