

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
November 30, 2022
Parish Hall
7PM

Present: Father Ongen, Chris Francis, Julie Francis, JoAnn Farabaugh, Randy Carter, Chriss Miller, Patrick Kahoe, Lauren Kahoe, Elaine Reyes, Jordan Graf, JoAnn Burghart, Paul Fletcher, Tory Bishop

Excused Absent: Kerry Holmes, Andrew Graf

OPENING PRAYER-Father Ongen

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ParishCast: Chris Francis said during Christmas break he will meet with Kim to get done; have to build groups

B. Committee Fair: all were reminded to make case for your committee in front of the parishioners at Mass; talk with Father; frequency for Committee Fair is 1x/year; Julie Francis proposed second weekend of November of each year; Liturgy and Parish Life committees got many volunteers

C. One Can Food Drive: got a lot of food donated; shelter said she received most donations from St Mary's; 15 boxes of food; gave gift cards too from Food Lion; will turn over food drive to Youth Group; coordinating with shelter is most difficult part; Youth will take over via Jordan Graf; Jordan proposed 2x/ year including toiletries; July and November were proposed

D. Installation Mass: moved to Jan 15, 2023; at 10 AM; gathering after

E. Parish Directory: push to Spring 2023

F. Mail/Advertising Campaign: Randy Carter said it will be initiated soon; door hangers, post cards for mailer; apartment welcome package insert is needed; info included will be logo, Mass times, programs, website; Jordan offered to formulate insert; send out then reassess impact

G. Reminder: Gospel of Matthew Bible Study begins Tuesday November 29 @ 6:30 PM and

Thursday December 11 @ 11:30 AM: no meeting next Tuesday due to reconciliation service at 7PM

H. Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 11 at 6:30 PM; choir is ready but need lectors; youth do readings; need volunteers from youth; 9 readings and 9 prayers; Randy Carter volunteered to read; please pre read before date; give readers a copy of reading to take home to practice; adults are back up for readings; Jordan Graf offered to send out to youth that Julie needs readers

I. Combined Parish Calendar Meeting is Saturday December 10, 2022 at 10AM; Committee Chairs to send calendar to Kim ahead of time prior to meeting

J. Father Ongen's 40th Anniversary of Ordination is Monday, March 20th, 2023; during Lent; no restrictions per Father; time to be announced; Father proposed 10AM; Father wants to send invites to all registered members;

NEW BUSINESS:

January 26th; Paul Fletcher proposed to feed the hungry with Salvation Army: feed at 3PM; Saturday not good for SA; weekdays are better for SA; Paul also mentioned wired 4800 dollars to Haiti; 2,000 for teachers; money was wired and he got no immediate feedback; Paul in contact with Haitian

priests; traced money and it was found; Paul found another method of getting money to priests; Paul to talk on ambo about more donations; to also mention need for help; Patrick may be Paul's successor

OPEN MIC:

- A. Parish Life has 25 volunteers; coffee and donuts first of year; Patrick mentioned that another family of Philippine origin joined parish
- B. Bulletin is not complete per JoAnn Burghart.; Chris said to let Kim know; sent as a PDF file; complete bulletin comes up on phone; JoAnn Burghart mentioned may need hard copy for the older adults
- C. Collections have gone up; have an air conditioner to replace; Mike Bibbo to talk with parish about donations; Paul Fletcher said it took only 3 months to raise 26,000
- D. Linda Thomson's husband passed; there is a December 17 mass

FATHER ONGEN'S COMMENTS:

Father thanked all members of committee for time and effort; the committees are all working and productive; priest's role is to support committees; lucky to be assigned here at St. Mary's; getting back members into church; expressed that he is very confident that any program will be successful; informed by Ann Sweet that we have confirmation candidates and more children; still waiting for more youth participation; mature parishioners feel joy with more youth; they are the spirit of the church; again expressed thanks; mentioned Saturday December 10th there is a Suffolk City holiday parade; see website for parking options; parade setup is at 3PM;

CLOSING PRAYER: Father Ongen

THERE IS NO PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER!

The next meeting will be January 25, 2023 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall.