

Notes taken by Jean Gibbons

PRESENT: Ryan Lawler, Steve Winandy, Eric McKinnon, Father Fred, Jeremy Carter, Paul Fiascone, Mary Ann Gilray, Jeanne Hamilton, Jean Gibbons, Mary Jane Flament-Garcia

ABSENT : Bill Buholzer, Dennis Brown

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Overview of Christmas services

- Approximately 4300 people attended (includes regulars, new AND returning parishioners, visitors)
- Very positive feedback
- May want to consider adding a mass for next year.

Council Roster

- Mary Ann and Jean met with 4 potential members and shared feedback from those interviews with: Jim Collin, Lisa Filip, Rollie Canlas and Duane Czarnecki. It was decided that all 4 would be invited to attend an upcoming Council meeting before any final decisions are made by the Council or candidates
- Anthony Andaleon has been contacted and he will contact us if interested in being considered further.
- Lori Allen has decided not to pursue the Council at this time.
- Mary Ann and Jean will work on contacting/interviewing additional candidates including some youth representatives.
- Mary Ann Gilray, Jean Gibbons and Steve Winandy complete their Council terms in June of this year. Though the bylaws do currently allow for Council members to serve two consecutive 3-year terms, Fr. Fred believes it best to have all those eligible to serve a second term either all renew or all rotate off the Council. Having some stay on and some retire may be perceived negatively. It was suggested that the bylaws be completely reviewed to consider any other necessary changes.

Catholics Come Home

- Jeremy is working to coordinate an effort to put CCH door hangers on homes in various neighborhoods during Lent with information about mass times at St. Pat's. He plans to begin by getting help from School and SRE families
- Jeremy is also planning to implement a CCH series at St. Pat's for 3-4 weeks in March. New parishioners will be personally contacted, but the series will be open to all.

Annual Catholic Appeal

- First mentioned at masses Feb 5/6, then next few weeks following
- Will play tape of Cardinal and have parishioners complete forms during the masses as in past years
- Bryan Grabowski, Kathy Habenicht and Ginny Packer have volunteered for this effort.
- Discussed some ideas for how any surplus dollars raised over goal could be used. Ideas included: new steeple for old church; activities/events related to 100th anniversary of old church; high caliber speaker presentations. It was suggested that perhaps identifying a specific project could work as an incentive to inspire higher level giving in the Catholic Appeal.

Other Business

- Since the rectory is actually the priest's residence, it was suggested that the current "rectory" sign be replaced with one indicating "parish office". It was agreed that having some additional signs would be helpful to those not familiar with St. Pat's (i.e. schedule of activities; identifying the various buildings, etc). Ryan will contact someone about possibly making the signs.
- The archdiocese is sponsoring a "Parish Leadership Day" in Chicago on Feb. 26. All Council members were encouraged to attend. Mary Ann G and Steve W are definitely attending. Steve will try to get information that can be shared electronically with all so you can review and decide.
- Jeremy and Fr. Fred are attending a stewardship conference next month.
- There will be a Parish Mission at St. Pat's March 6, 7, 8 (leading into Lent – Ash Wed. March 9). Fr. Fred agreed to share the agenda with Council members.
- Fr. Fred will be delivering a State of the Parish message this weekend, Jan. 22/23

Parish Council Diocesan handbook and Commissions

- Did not discuss – will review at Feb meeting

February meeting date was changed to 2/24, 6:30. Place to be determined.

(Jeremy and Father were not able to attend on the 16th due to the stewardship conference)