



Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes January 7, 2019

“Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries reach out with active concern to those in need.”

Present: Michael Crownover, Sharon Ellis, Rudi Gutierrez, Judy Koenings, George Koleas, Bill Latus, Jackie Michaels, Lisa Nimmer, Pat Sievers, Deacon Sandy Sites, Karen Warren

Absent: Karen Papador

Guests Present: Sharon Dall, Joyce Guinn, Nancy Hassenfelt, Jane Clare Ishiguro, Barb Korneth, Marcia McBride, Jim Yerger

2018/2019 Goal: *“Make parish activities more appealing, accessible and available so that more families and individuals will participate.”*

Welcome/Opening Prayer by Jackie Michaels

Commission Report Human Concerns (Jane Clare Ishiguro and Jim Yerger)

The areas of Social Justice that the Human Concerns Commission addresses are Direct Service, Empowerment, Justice Education and Advocacy. The mission of the Human Concerns Commission is:

- To collaborate with the pastoral team, council and other commissions in carrying out the mission of Good Shepherd and the Universal Church.
- To invite all parish members to live out their baptism through works of justice and peace on the local, national and global levels.
- To educate the congregation about Catholic Social Teaching, the Consistent Life Ethic and current social justice issues.
- To appreciate and support all groups and ministries within the Human Concerns area. Groups and ministries will be added or dropped according to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.
- To act as responsible stewards in allocating the Outreach Funds that the congregation has designated for those in need and those who advocate for those in need. Funds are allocated in accordance with specific Outreach Guidelines.
- To be advisory to the Adult and Family Christian Formation Minister in matters related to Human Concerns.
- To be an advocate for Human Concerns issues within the parish and the community.

Representatives from the Social Justices and Pastoral Care ministries are invited to the Human Concerns meeting to share the activities and stories from their respective areas of outreach. The ministries include:

- Barbers without Borders
- Cathedral Center
- Combined Collections
- Deacon Gene Outreach Committee
- Ellacuria, El Salvador, Sister Parish Committee
- Falls Area Food Pantry
- Gay and Straight in Christ
- HOPE Network
- House of Peace Toy Drive
- Human Concerns Commission
- Immigration Study Group
- School Supply Drive
- Sleeping Bags and More
- Repairers of the Breach
- St. Bens Community Meal Program
- St. Michael Parish Ministries
- Women Celebrating the Spirit

There will be a delegation of 7 people from Good Shepherd traveling to our sister parish in Ellacuria this year.

Jane Clare and Jim will be meeting with Mike Crain and Corinna to discern together additional opportunities for involving multiple generations in Human Concerns activities.

Approval of Minutes

Two typos were identified in the December 2018 minutes and corrected. Motion by Sharon Ellis, second by Judy Koenig to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed, Deacon Sandy Sites and Bill Latus abstained as they were not present at the December meeting.

Parish Director Report – (Request 10 minutes)

- Amazing Parish Minute <-> Amazing Christmas Minute
 - Favorite Christmas moment. Deacon Sandy, Sharon Ellis, George Koleas, and Jackie Michaels shared favorite moments.
- Call for Input: Advent/Christmas season affirmations, recommendations
 - Council members are asked to send to Deacon Sandy, Sr. Joann, and Lisa Nimmer (Council Rep) any affirmations, recommendations by January 14.

- Fr. Marty - Parish celebration and send off:
 - Sunday Jan 27, 9:30 Mass – Fr. Marty will preside and preach, followed by a one hour reception. This is a “thank you” celebration and establishing a continuation of his ministry – we hope to have Fr. Marty preside and preach several times a year as his health allows and with approval from his Provincial.
 - We have a volunteer to drive Fr. Marty back to Appleton after the celebration. We are looking for a volunteer willing to pick him up on Sunday morning January 27.
- Fr. Tom Suriano
 - Fr. Tom will be appointed by the archbishop as our second assisting priest.
 - Fr. Richard will continue as assisting priest. His current assignment is through June 2019. We will assess the next year at that time.
 - Br. Robert Wotypka (a priest, but wishes to be addressed as “Brother”) will help out until March, at which time Fr. Tom and Fr. Richard will handle most weekend masses. Br. Robert would still be available to help out as needed.
 - Fr. Paul Lippert will do Tuesday morning Masses through February 12. We will assess his willingness and availability to continue beyond that date.
 - Fr. Richard will continue to do most every Friday morning mass.
- Questions for me?
 - No additional questions surfaced.

Open Discussion -

- Commission responses re: Parish Gathering comments
 - Answers from the Commissions to comments and questions gleaned from the Parish Gathering will be posted on the parish website. Notices will be placed in the bulletin and step announcements will be made to advise the community.
- Commission plans regarding our goal to *make parish activities more appealing, accessible and available*
 - No specific updates from any commissions. This is the overarching goal for the year, so this should remain on commission agendas for the entire year. Sharon Ellis volunteered to draft a communication to the parish at-large asking for input to making parish activities more appealing, accessible, and available. George Koleas suggested we develop a process to provide feedback for any suggestions received. Sharon will develop the draft and send the draft to the council for feedback before publication.
- Discernment Process Review and Discussion (terms expiring will be George Koleas, Karen Papador and Pat Sievers)
 - Discussion regarding existing process +/-
 - Suggested we focus more on personal invitation for self-nomination.
 - Would like to see discernment happen in church or in chapel.
 - Personal ask in a variety of ways (from the pulpit, one-on-one, etc.)
 - Mike Crownover will take this input and develop process
- Formation Discussion - Need volunteers to plan one formation event

- Pat Sievers will check with Jane Clare and Mike Crain as to whether this should be a staff/council joint formation event
- Sharon Ellis, Lisa Nimmer, and Pat Sievers will serve on the planning committee.
- (Note: Continued discussion of GS Pastoral Norms appendix will happen after the Archdiocesan norms have been updated in February).

Commission/Committee Questions

Please review the minutes from each Commission sent prior to the meeting and come with any questions you have. If you are on a Commission that does not publish minutes please plan to give an update.

- Finance Council Update (submitted in writing by Bill Latus following the meeting)
 - Through the end of Nov, Income is still tracking ahead of last year's contributions for Daily Operating and Building Funds. Expenses are higher than last year (as expected) but tracking well to budget. Without taking any funds from ENCF, we currently have a \$6400 deficit after Parking lot resurfacing.
 - In Dec we also had the Boiler maintenance and repair completed, costing approx. \$4,000. Finance will be reviewing 2nd Qtr (end of Dec) results this month, and anticipate we will need to begin withdrawing budgeted amounts from ENCF to balance expenses.
 - 2nd Qtr results will be shared for discussion with PC next month by Mark Steimle.

Items From the Floor:

- Rudi shared a handout regarding a film examining immigration tensions in America's Dairyland. He shares this in the context of Social Justice.
- Bill Latus raised the issue of responsibility of seeing that council members get commission minutes on a timely basis.

Pre-Mass Update: To be covered by Finance Council in January

Next Meeting: February 4, 2019 Prayer Leader: Lisa Nimmer

Closing Prayer – Jackie Michaels

Prayer & Worship Commission- Lisa Nimmer

Finance Council - Rudi Gutierrez, George Koleas

Human Concerns Commission - Jackie Michaels, Karen Warren

Christian Formation Commission - Michael Crownover, Karen Papador

Pastoral Care Commission - Jackie Michaels

Stewardship Commission - Lisa Nimmer, Pat Sievers