

St. Clare Parish Council

August 8, 2018

Present: Fr. Don, Pia de Leon, Mila Maskell (Chairperson), Chris Griffith, Caitlin Lodzinski, Sarah Morris, Asha Petoskey, Christina Reilly

Absent: Earl Freepons

Parish guest: Marsha Weber

1. Prayer and Welcome

The meeting began at 6:30pm with Fr. Don leading the Council in Opening Prayer. Chairperson Maskell facilitated the meeting.

2. Approval of July 5, 2018 Minutes

The minutes were approved as written by Council.

3. Pastor Report

Fr. Don reported as follows:

3 University of Notre Dame Graduate students will arrive August 18, 2018; housed in the prior parish priest's house (across from the parish's office)

Andrea 'Andie' – assigned to St. Clare

Amanda- assigned to St. Pius X

Allie- assigned to Holy Trinity

Students will be with the parishes 9 months of the year; 1st year students will learn about the whole parish; 2nd year students will specialize.

Parish priest's house has been renovated to accommodate the students: new carpet, painting, etc.

Andrea will be introduced 8/25-8/26/2018 at all masses

Parish school attendance: 199 student total (same as last year) middle school is fuller, grade school is lower, and preschool is full.

Preschool – open year round. Portland's heat advisory is in effect, if inside reaches 85 degrees or higher the preschool will close, as the building doesn't have AC

Church carpet- due to the limited time to replace the carpets and school events starting (use of the gym wouldn't be available due to CYO activities), replacement of the carpet will start summer 2019.

Parish campout, 75 parishioners attended; at the parish campout mass 175 people attended
"Good food, good fellowship..."

Vacation Bible Camp- 40 youth participated

Discussion: Liturgy Committee asked for feedback on clapping at the end of mass

Question: What are we celebrating? (end of mass, choir, etc...)

Appreciation choir, parishioners could tell them, but that it isn't a performance.

Everyone has a different reason for clapping, appreciation, other person started, etc. In other cultures, people clap before mass ends, because they are clapping for Jesus.

Fr. Don will include this in Fr/. Don's Musings in a future bulletin

St. Clare school reunion, alumni (70 years and older) have an annual reunion at Gabriel Park. Next year reunion, will include in the bulleting and have a special blessing for alumni.

4. Commission Reports

a. Education

Religious education:

Dcn. Bill will provide pulpit message recruiting volunteers for the variety of programs (children's liturgy, religious education, RCIA, faith formation, sacramental prep.)

Part of the parish pulpit for faith formation, with parent/child, parent provides the information, child ends, "will you teach us?"

Pia will provide a template for all future parish pulpit messages

Registration for faith formation starts Sept 30

Sept 30, 2018, 1st communion and reconciliation classes start

RCIA: 3 people have signed up; Pia will have a pre-meeting with each of them

RCIA reunion 8/19- open to any who has gone through RCIA; 10 RCIA alumni have signed up; 30 additional attended (family or sponsors planning to attend)

Fr. Rick LeFaivre will be presider, former RICA graduate

Weekly curriculum will focus on deepening intelligence/spiritual understanding. Also, focusing on how do we follow up with them (1 year of following up) – to be followed up in another parish council meeting.

Childcare during masses (ages 2-5 years old). Parents who use the services would need volunteer for it as well. Call to protect for each volunteer, who could spearhead this ministry? Circle of Moms? Further discussion at a future meeting

Parish School:

Summer cleaning is happening to prepare for the students arriving Sept. 4, 2018; Staff arrive Aug. 27

Graduating 8th grade class: 24 kids graduated (7- Jesuit; 3 Valley Catholic, 7 Wilson; 2 Central, and 4 St. Mary)

3rd grade teacher: Lori Haugsten (prior longer term sub for third grade)

Middle school math teacher: Jamie Naverez

Vice principal/Administrative Assistant: Carol Glasgow; Cathy Worrell retiring end of October 2018

Self-study evaluation evaluate parents/staff's view on the schools catholic identify, curriculum, resource use, mission, etc.

b. Liturgy

Recent big events of the Liturgical calendar went well

Healing Mass, first done in years went well with 60 to 70 people

Extraordinary Eucharist Minsters, 70 trained, 60 in core group

St. Clare Ministry Scheduler – Jennifer needs a sub. Duties are perform at the parish office due to personal protected information. Pia will put in an ad in the Dragon Post.

Sept 9, 1 mass/parish picnic, roll out new theme, "Shepherd Us, O Lord"

New Year's Eve Mass, 7pm, Monday, December 31, 2018

Mary of Grace Statue: Parishioner is donating a new one in honor of his mother. Liturgy committee is reviewing and approving.

c. Outreach

St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is low- see bulletin for needed non-perishable items.

New president- Mary Bundy

Asha/Sarah will reach out to outreach committee to get reports or items the parish council can assist with

d. Community life

Pulpit messages: Faith Formation and Coffee donuts volunteers needed

Ministry fair: Sept 16, 2018

Community Life Pastoral Council Members and Pia will meet August 26, 7:30pm, Lucky Lab

Manuals will be developed for big church events to assist in succession planning

e. Parish Picnic (see attached information provided by Marsha Weber)

Parish Picnic/Dragon Dash/1 mass will happen on Sept 9, 2018

Chairperson prior volunteer work included Rotary Club of Vancouver, WA annual picnic.

Pia, Mila, Marsha will meet with the Chairs to discuss the plan of events

Volunteers are needed, information will be posted in the bulletin and volunteer sign up will start 8/18

Concerns were discussed about dietary restrictions, due to short time frame of the event, those with dietary restrictions will need to provide their own food.

Desserts- Sisters in Sprit will provide a bulk of them, parishioners will be encouraged to bring desserts

Event information will be shared with Parish school parents in their welcome back packets- Pia will coordinate

5. Old Business

Parish directory- available in October for pick-up

6. New Business

The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity by Matthew Kelly

Parishioner has donated the cost of the books (\$1/book) Plan to use for Easter Season, Fr. Don will tie homilies into it.

7. Closing Prayer

Fr. Don led the council in closing prayer.

8. Next Meeting

September 5, 2018, 6:30pm

Submitted: Asha Petoskey, Recording Secretary

Parish Picnic – Sunday, September 9 following 10 a.m. Mass and Dragon Dash.
Chairperson/s – Jan Fancher ("Jan T. Fancher" <jan@jtfancher.com>)360.606.3660
Jolette Nelson – (Fancherjf@aol.com) 503.539.0166
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Christopher Griffith – christophert.griffith@gmail.com – prefers phone contact see below
Marsha Weber-- marsha.weber18@gmail.com.503.970.5273
Sallie Schenk – Dragon Dash - salli.schenk@gmail.com

Bulletin announcements -- Save the Date announcement will appear 8/11-12
pulpit announcements/

Grill - Christopher Griffith (Pastoral Council) 503.816.2198
Ted Seeber, Knights of Columbus
Grill is set. Check needs to be sent. (See Kelly Terri e-mail for address). Shelley Worrell at parish office will need to be contacted to send check.

Shopping-- Kelli Terry has volunteered to do the shopping. (400 people)

Desserts – solicit through SIS/Sheila Cullen

Name Tags (Kathleen Elliot?)

Music – Paul Lesinski, Greg Hermann (this has been confirmed with Paul by Marsha)

Yard Games -

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Set up – 8 – 10 a.m.

Grillers – 10-1

Food Servers 11-1

Drink servers/ice runner

Clean up – 2-4