

St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes – March 4, 2019 (final draft)

Members in attendance:

Giulio Bosco, Roseann Lesio, Bob Ehmann, James Elliott, Anna Conti, Mary Ellen Wagner, Fr. Gonyo, Princess Fame, Diane Cocilova, Jane Murray, Catherine Lesio, Maria Conti

Absent:

Ryan Scherer, Fr. Mike Mayer, Joe Kuby, Paul Dangler, Julie Cohn, Deacon Rick Rall, Hannah Tette, Deacon Jim Fien

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Vision Statement:

To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every St. Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, welcoming faith community.

Opening Prayer – James Elliott

January meeting notes were approved by Anna and James.

Per the agenda, the following two matters were discussed/decided:

1. Fiesta tithe will be given to The Margaret Home
2. The date for the Parish Council Picnic will be determined by the availability of the Knights of Columbus Center availability. Dates discussed were June 10, 11 or 12<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Gonyo also suggested that perhaps the picnic could be held after the May Parish Council Meeting, right at St. Rita. Perhaps have the event catered. Further discussion to follow after hearing back on the K of C hall availability.

School Update – Mary Ellen:

Winter Fun Day was held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, with activities and games for all. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders went to Penfield Park, and there was enough snow for students to enjoy outdoor fun.

All were pleased to be back from winter break plus the extra “wind” day.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Catholic Schools Week Bishop’s Mass was rescheduled and held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

The School Advisory committee will continue to make improvements to St. Rita School, installing ceiling fans and shades over spring break.

Enrollment for 2019-2020 is off to a very strong start. 27-4 year olds and 19 kindergarteners are registered. Tours are being offered daily.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade play, “Juke Box Time Machine”, will be presented at 10AM and 7PM on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and at 1PM on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual Blue and Gold Event will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Glendoveers Banquet Hall.

Pastor’s Update – Fr. Gonyo -

Ash Wednesday services will be held at 8:15, 9:15 and 7PM on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Diocesan Day of Penance will be on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Pasta Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

St. Joseph’s Table will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

New bible study group will begin on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and will be held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

“Soup-er” Tuesdays during Lent will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. More cooks are needed for soup. Giulio will contact Julie to send out reminder e-mails to parishioners to volunteer.

Several council members noted that there may be a family that might appreciate an interpreter for ASL. An inquiry is to be forwarded to the family to see if they are in need, then St. Rita Church can determine the next course of action.

Closing Prayer – Giulio Bosco

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Lesio