

**Common Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes from the April 27, 2017 Meeting**

**Members Present:** *Father Mike, Katie Falk, Marcia Frankiewicz, Heidi Belongia, Pat Suminski, Tom Ewing, Tom Croasdaile, Steve Luke, Rosemary Reyes Cuevas, Jenny Mendenhall, Diane Bandurski, Jennifer Wall, Katy Borowski, Ginny Kollasch, Joe Ziino, Chris Hauser, and Dave Tully.*

I. **Prayer and Adoration**

II. **Benediction**

III. **Meeting Called to Order** (*Katie Falk*)

IV. **Hospitality**

***Discussion with Liturgists:*** Joseph Wittmann, Mary Robertson, and Brian Eggers shared their perspective on building hospitality in all of our parishes. In general, they encouraged the council to look at each building with a fresh set of eyes and to consider the short and long term ways that we can make our churches welcoming to all people as a means for building discipleship. Specifically, the liturgists recommended that council consider long and short term goals for hospitality, including: making the buildings more accessible (*e.g.*, churches, restrooms, nursing rooms, pews for wheelchairs, *etc.*); making the Mass more accessible (*e.g.*, updating books and music); encouraging social activities (*e.g.*, café tables to encourage more interaction); and encouraging a welcoming culture (*e.g.*, moving over in pews, greeting people around you, providing for families with children, nametags, greeters, *etc.*). The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops has provided resources to guide analysis and prioritization in terms of accessibility and hospitality.

With respect to nametags, different parishes have had different experiences. The council decided that each parish should discuss individually with their liturgist to address on a parish by parish basis.

**Action Item:** The council members from each parish should connect with their liturgist to discuss name tags, greeters, and other short-term hospitality issues.

V. **Stewardship** (*Tabled until next meeting.*)

VI. **Miscellaneous Continued Discussions**

***Logo for Family of Four Parishes:*** Father Tim is still working with confirmation class members. In general, council members suggested the removal of “North Town” (*e.g.*, existing shopping center), keeping it simple, considering legal implications of the name (*e.g.* trademark issues), and considering professional graphic design services. Father Mike advised that the Archdiocese will also need to approve.

***Immigration:*** Given the general complexity of immigration, the general consensus was for the council to consider resources and educational opportunities to become more informed. We will reach out to Andrew Musgrave for recommendations on social justice resources, speakers, or educational materials/opportunities.

VII. **Pastor’s Report**

Father Mike advised on the following:

- Over \$30,000 was raised through our Lenten Almsgiving project for the All Saints Meal Program.
- Catholic East is joining the Seton Catholic Schools. There will be an insert in the bulletin and more information at the Catholic East Gala on May 5, 2017 at Renaissance Place.

- There are projects going on at St. Rita and Saints Peter and Paul (Cramer building).
- Annual gathering of priests will be the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Barrett is promoting peace through the Ceasefire Sabbath.
- Statement from Archbishop ListECKI on “Safeguarding God’s Family.” The Archdiocese will be responsible for maintaining a database documenting background checks, training, *etc.*
- 64 people were confirmed at Gesu from across the Milwaukee area.
- First Communion will be at OSM on April 30<sup>th</sup> (11:30 a.m. Mass) and then on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> at the other parishes.
- Chad Griesel is working with 9 adults who will be confirmed on Pentecost.
- We will have 3 sites for the parish garden this year.

**VIII. Upcoming Parish Events & Activities**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** Catholic East Gala

**May 6-7<sup>th</sup>:** First Communion at THW, SSPP and OLDP

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** SSPP’s Monte Carlo Night at Catholic East Gym (6:00 p.m.)

**IX. Next Meeting:** June 1, 2017