

# **Church of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting – September 26, 2017**

## **Attendees:**

Father Bob: Pastor

Madeline Badalaty: Chairman (absent due to injury)

Karen Petrillo: Social

Tom Cooney: Communications

Bob Hickey: Finance

Marion Maloney: Spirituality (absent, report provided)

Richard Buntzen: Human Concerns

Linda Rovder: Liturgy

Andrea Luker: Religious Education

Maura McGann: Building and Grounds

Joan Walsh: Business Manager

Nancy Fell: Member at Large

Kitty French: Member at Large

Denise Gebrian: Member at Large

## **August Minutes Approved**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

### **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- Last Sunday jointly cooked for people at The Center. Feed 30 hungry.

Our plans with Lutheran Church of West Long Branch:

- October 14<sup>th</sup> Hymnfest with Oktoberfest food hosted by Lutheran Church of West Long Branch on Broadway. Linda is placing signup in the back of the Church.
- Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm Joint Worship Service for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Martin Luther posting the 500. Father Bob and Pastor Matt
  - We are hosting them hear at COPB, Liturgy committee and Social committee are planning.
  - Not mass and there will be no communion.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

- Renovations of Bathrooms in Parish Center.
- Labyrinth – will start in the beginning of the Parish
- Renovations of Parish House – bids coming in
  - Waiting for final quote.

CC – certificate of completion is still pending from Monmouth Beach.

**Parish Calendar** – each committee is to provide dates to Joan when activities and committee meetings.

**Time & Talent** Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

- Parish Council will review the wording of the questionnaire.
- After mass be able to answer questions.

## **Committee Reports**

***Building and Grounds:*** (Maura)

- New Shed is behind the Parish Center. Produced by the Amish.

***Communications:*** (Tom)

- The Communications Committee is still looking for assistance with our Sunday mass slide presentations. No responses as of yet.
- The good news is as of today we have a Facebook page! Thanks to Andrea Luker's hard work we've secured the page and will be able to integrate social media to our community communications. We believe this can have great impact on the attendance of our events.
- Communication needs a budget. Currently not in the 2017-2018.

***Education:*** (Andrea)

Religious Education

- 289 children registered, waiting on 25 who need to register
- Due to construction Classes delayed an additional week to start October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- With the Parish Center construction project, able to spilt room 2 to gain an additional classroom! Classes will no longer need to meet in the gym. We are very excited and grateful.
- Confirmation student, parent and teacher meeting on Sept 30
- Students sign in 1 mass a month
  - Mass participation is a big success. Parents are giving Eileen great feedback.
  - There are many families at mass, you can see the difference in attendance.
- Home School – how do they monitor. COPB all sacramental year.

***Liturgy:*** (Linda)

- Beach mass and picnic -- 17 Sept very well attended
- Psalm Fest with the Reformation Church of Long Branch October 14, 2:00 p.m.
- Eucharistic, Lectors and Hospitality Ministers classes: Oct 12 makeup the following Sunday. This is for everyone
- Blessing of Animals 1:00 p.m. Parish House Sunday, October: 1st
- Flowers for October - Mums
- Mass for Anointing of the Sick – 8th October

- Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation to be held at Precious Blood. We are hosting service and meal Combined Service with gathering afterwards. (Social Committee) October 29
- Nov 1st – All Saints – Mass vigil: Wednesday, 7 p.m. and day of Thursday, 7:30 a.m.
- Nov 2nd – All Souls 7:30 –
- Nov 4 - Families for Mass of Remembrance

### ***Spiritual Life:*** (Marion)

- Prayer Fair 9/22/17 We had our Prayer Fair last Friday night and had a good attendance of people from the parish. We got a lot of positive feedback and suggestions from everyone.
- Faith-Sharing – “Celebrating The Word ” starts the week of October 9th. Members of our committee spoke at all the Masses this past weekend and we are collecting cards at the church.

### ***Human Concerns:*** (Richard)

#### Helping Hearts Food Program

- Helping Hearts food program was held on Labor Day weekend September 2nd & 3rd.
- Twenty-three frozen casseroles were donated and delivered to The Center in Asbury Park.
- Recipients are asking Karen for the recipes. Casseroles go to many different organizations.
- The next Helping Hearts casserole donation is scheduled for October 7th & 8th.

#### Family Promise

- Family Promise sign-up is scheduled for September 30th & October 1st and October 7th & 8th.
- Family Promise Week is October 22nd thru October 28th.
  - The new shower will be installed
- Follow-up on participants in the program for 90 days.
  - To support the program, we are requesting success stories and metrics.

#### Rainbows

Fall session was scheduled to begin on early September 2017 and will run for 8 weeks. Postponed due to construction.

Three new Rainbows sites are starting thanks to a grant that was applied for:

- Belmar - St Rose
- Freehold - St Robert Bellarmine
- Keansburg - St Ann's

- More info about meeting nights and how to enroll at any of these locations including our Precious Blood site is on Rainbows' web site at [www.monmouthrainbows.org](http://www.monmouthrainbows.org)

#### Back-to-School Back-pack & School Supplies Drive

- The annual Back-to-School Back-pack & School Supplies Drive was held on August 26th and 27th.
- Over 75 backpacks and an overwhelming amount of supplies were donated, sorted and delivered to Charity Kings Agency in Asbury which services Asbury Park/Neptune and Oceanport Middle School due to need.
- These donations helped prepare students in need for a successful new school year. A special thank you to Nancy Fell and John O'Connell for their help and participation.
- Will ask our Lutheran friends if they have any needs, they do have a Food Bank.

#### Project Haiti

- The Project Haiti committee met on Monday, September 18th, 2017.
- Father Desmond give thanks to all the Parishioners. This is the school's 175 kids, 9 teachers, 1 cook, 1 aide. Activities. Thank you.

#### Food Drive St. Dorothea Pantry

- The next food drive is scheduled for the weekend of October 14th & 15th. Thank you to Karen Kelly.

#### The Red Bank Crop Walk

- The Red Bank Crop Walk is scheduled for October 15th.

#### Stamp Out Despair

- Stamp Out Despair program collection is scheduled for October 28th & 29th. We donate stamps, stationary, Christmas cards for Immigration detainees in Hudson County. Sister Pat Jelly. So they can communicate.

#### The Human Concerns Committee Meeting

- The HCC met on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. The committee reviewed recent projects and programs and set up the 2018 calendar of events. Each activity will have a designated weekend.

#### **Finance:** (Bob)

2 month financial

Bottom line, \$36k behind last year. Collections on track vs last year.

- Religious Ed collections down due to census.
- Shortfall from Capital campaign -3 year Faith to Move Mountains

Hurricane Collections

- First collections - \$9503 and \$6500 respectively. Money donated to Catholic Relief

Charitable Appeals - \$15k to Haiti

- Reoccurring expenses equal to last year
- Goal is through communications to increase collections (income).

***Social:*** (Karen)

- The beach mass and Picnic were a great success. More attended than had signed up but all seemed to work out. Next year I will add even more extra.
- Invitations have gone out for the Welcome Party on October 7th. We will follow up with Phone calls to personally invite new parishioners if we do not get email replies.
- Italian night Jeff is unable to Chair, we need someone to run.

Minutes faithfully submitted by,  
Andrea Luker