

Two Minute Summary Reports from St. Lucy Parish Commissions

August 27, 2015

Administration:

1. Budget for 2015/16 is completed and shows a profit
2. Security around the St. Lucy campus is in need of improvements-more lights and cameras to cover the entire school and church grounds.
3. Children coming with parents to church meetings should stay with their parents in the same room-not out in the parking lot or wandering around outside unsupervised.
4. The 5 year building and grounds plan is in progress and will be completed in the near future.

Christian Service:

1. **Social Justice Ministry.** Teresa Martinez will now be heading this ministry, replacing Maria Castillo Torres. They are planning to expand their knowledge base before committing to a new project. They will be participating in the Special Prayer Service for Victims/Survivors of Violence with the Bishop; they are working with Catholic's In Action in their efforts toward wiping out human trafficking; and Catholic Charities' Out of Poverty Action Summit, which will be held Wednesday, October 14th, at the Tech Museum of Innovation; as well as working to increase their membership.
2. **St. Vincent de Paul Society Ministry** reported that they had given out over 100 back packs this year, which has again increased over last year, and they will be gearing up to do the Christmas Basket program soon. Last year they helped were able to supply 200 families with Christmas Baskets.
3. The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** reported they had donated 14 prayer shawls to the Angel Reading Camp.

Evangelization & Formation:

1. Review & update roster & leadership positions
 - Erica – liaison
 - Patty coming back?
 - Someone to call Lorena & Jose – Irma going to check up with them
2. Status on book ministry/kiosk location/additional kiosk
 - Kiosk numbers down – Cheryl bringing to the retreats while people are fired up!
 - Need to do a proposal for moving the kiosk to the back of the church
 1. Cheryl will do the proposal, email to commission & send to Raymond and/or council for approval
 2. Goal: get it done soon so it can be approved and installed before Christmas
 - Do we have the money?
 1. Part of book money budget
3. Update on new retreats starting Sept 26
 - Seekers Retreat

- Update from Irma
 - i. Part of a series of 3 retreats
 - ii. Mainly for new seekers—people that have already attended do not need to attend this one
 1. Looking to be a new minister
 2. People curious about the faith
 3. Introduction
 - a. Who is Jesus? Why are you seeking?
 - b. Examination of conscience—what are the obstacles to faith?
 - iii. Start with mass, gather in PAC (English & Spanish)
 1. Past: 8-1pm, included practice for ministry
 2. In the process of changing the agenda
 - iv. Need community life to provide refreshments
 - Advertising
 - i. Andrew is doing the flyers for advertising
 - ii. Ministry mingle got lots of sign ups—when is it this year?
 - iii. Reach out to PAR people to spread & invite people from their various ministries
 1. Baptismal prep, marriage prep, etc
 - a. Need for follow up after baptismal prep—help to draw them in
 - b. Sign ups for “buddies” to reach out to families and check in/invite them back
 2. Promote with school parents
 - a. Make a banner for Lally to hang up while parents drop kids off where parents are most likely to see
 - b. Do we have the budget?
 - iv. Go in the monthly update
 - Cheryl will bring kiosk
4. Work on implementation of balance of 2015-2016 plan
5. St. Lucy Celebration
 - Ideas: What to parishes do for their feast days?
 - Flower procession? Lay in front of the statue
 - Candlelit procession/Prayer service at the start of mass?
 - Homily/Projector to tell the story of St. Lucy
 - Saint Spotlight – every once in a while
6. WYD – Cheryl updated
 - Monthly retreat schedule just kicked off
 - Formation for the teens – what does it mean to be a pilgrim, learn about polish culture
 - Sacramento filled in our spots
 - 12/13? From St. Lucy

- Next July to Krakow Poland – 15 day pilgrimage (Prague→Poland)

Worship:

1. We have received some comments regarding the readability of the projections at Mass. We are recommending that only typed letters be used and that they be sized with consideration for viewing from the back of the church.
2. To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Lucy on Sunday, December 13 we are going to work to create a Powerpoint or video of the life and impact of St. Lucy to share at all Masses. Timing of the presentation will be discussed with Staff.
3. Work is progressing on obtaining and creating training resources for all Worship Ministries so these can be added to the St. Lucy website for ready reference.

Community Life:

1. Reviewed the budget and identified a few line items that need to be adjusted such as the budget for the Mardi Gras. We will submit our suggested changes to the Finance Committee for their review.
2. We have distributed a large number of name badges to the Ushers and Greeters ministry but there are approximately 80 that are yet to be collected. We will distribute the names of the remaining badges to the lead ushers at each Mass. This led to a wider discussion on badges and welcoming in general. We spoke of the possibility of badges for all parishioners and the need for us to revisit the "Welcoming Committee". Ideas discussed included welcoming newcomers or visitors and blessings for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, etc., monthly dinners for newcomers, tours of St. Lucy's to make people more familiar with the layout of the parish grounds.
3. We discussed the idea of a "Welcome Day" which is being encouraged in many parishes to tie in with the Pope's visit in September. Community Life Commission was approached to think about ways we could help the parish feel involved in the Pope's visit. Suggested themes include a night of reflection, a tour of the Church and surroundings or a parish-wide dinner and/or choir concert. Parishes are being asked to consider September 19/20 or October 3/4 for such events. We might also want to think of encouraging the parish to watch the live feed of the Papal Mass on September 26/27.

Pastoral Council Summary:

1. Update from Stewardship
 - On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, Heather Young presented materials on the importance and relevance of Pope Francis' recent encyclical on caring for creation. The materials include many good sources for study and for action on the issue as well as information about why it is important for Catholics to embrace environmental stewardship. **Heather will send a copy of the materials to Terri Miller who will distribute them to the Pastoral Council members and Commission Co-chairs.**
 - Terrie Tabone spoke about a new program by the Waste Management Company, Comingling Recyclables, to start collecting recyclables that have food on

them. Currently the program is only available to commercial establishments, but hopefully will be extended to residential in the near future. She also spoke about the importance of educating our children in ways that will encourage them to be good stewards of our planet as they grow older.

2. We would like to find a way to present the Commission Structure and top Commission goals to the parish, perhaps with weekly updates. **Action item for this month is for all PC reps and Commission Co-Chairs to review the structure document (attached to this email) and make sure it is correct. Get information about any needed changes to Loretta and Terri.**
3. Discuss feedback on Budgets: **several of the commissions have changes they would like to make. They should get that input to Raymond so that he can take it to the Finance Committee for review.**
4. Description of the Commitment Survey: Fr. Steve presented the schedule for the activities leading up to sending out the Commitment Survey. He stressed the importance of following up with people that make commitments. If the Stewardship Committee needs help with processing the results of the survey and getting back to folks who made commitments, they should make their need known to other Commissions who should be able to help. It was also suggested that suggestions on how to follow up with potential ministers be made available to ministries that participate in the Ministry Mingle. People have complained that they have signed up, but never been followed up with.