

Two Minute Summary Reports from St. Lucy Parish Commissions

February 26, 2015

Administration:

1. NEW Website Go Live date 3/9 URL will not change
2. Landscape project starts 3/9
3. \$50K transfer to savings completed.
4. ADA is going well - 82% complete.

Christian Service:

1. We rejoice in the positive movement we have seen in Christian Service:
 - Our Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawl ministries continue to grow.
 - Our Meals to the Sick ministry has received its first requests for meals.
 - Our Pro-Life ministry enjoyed its strongest year in recent memory.
 - Our St. Vincent de Paul and Social Justice ministries continue to be active and strong.
2. We are going to try to refocus our ministries on our Parish mission and annual theme, and to infuse our service with a spirit of prayer and evangelization.

Evangelization & Formation:

1. New Members: Erik Hasenbein, Ericka Tibke
2. **What went well and**
 - Yes, being a Catechists helps keep my relationship absolutely!
 - Scripture study- 15-20 on Monday and Thursday, started with 5 on Thursday and ended with - Advertise by bulletin, commentating and pulpit.
 - Catholicism Series - resources- room, space, retreats, possible fundraising, Spanish Bibles, new
 - Baptism- classes are good but we need more adult leaders, couples, infant baptism only has two leaders
3. **Faith formation**
 - Edge - "Many kids might not participate in youth group." - Patty
 - Life Teen - Making it a youth ministry, youth group, more and not a sacrament.
 - Confirmation - Needs improvement- Kids are there by parents' choice and not necessarily on their own.
 - i. Retreats are the most important part of the program
 - ii. Two retreats a year is great.
 - iii. Parent sessions need to be bilingual.
 - iv. Catholic School Kids getting involved in Confirmation programs at school.
 - v. Good - we have two years, large numbers,
 - vi. Ideas - day camp,
 - vii. Fundraising for the teens to experience two retreats.

- viii. The impact of the new Spanish Mass and the fact that families are not able to participate.
4. Sacramental Preparation
- Spanish - parents are participating - 160 parents in Sundays and Tuesday
 - i. Improve upon the number of kids after Sacramental Preparation that need to come back to ongoing Formation.
 - English -
 - i. Good - sac. prep involvement of parents
 - ii. Needs improvement - more frequent parents meetings that run concurrently as kids faith formation
 - Jr. High-
 - i. Good- Edge is not ready to foster Sac. Preparation 1st Communion Prep.- it's good for involvement of community life.
 - ii. Needs improvement- move to a youth ministry model, for English and Spanish kids. Many kids have no clue about basics of the faith- they're not evangelized. We can't catechize when they're not yet evangelized.
 - iii. Spanish Bibles for Edge.

Worship:

1. This evening was the Gathering of the Ministers. We had representatives from the Music Ministry, Ushers, Adoration, Lector/Commentator and Eucharistic Ministers. We did not have representatives for Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Altar Society, Liturgical Planning, and Liturgical Environment.
2. We interviewed the representatives, asking the following questions:
 - In light of the St. Lucy Parish Mission Statement, does our ministry help lead people to a transformative relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? How?
 - What went well in our Ministry last year (July 2014 – June 2015). OK to foresee the future a bit if there is something in the works that should be completed by June 2015.
 - What could have been improved in our Ministry last year?
 - Are there any plans for special projects/events for the coming fiscal year (July 2015 – June 2016)? If so what are they?
3. We gathered after the interviews and shared the information which will be typed up and distributed to the attendees, the leaders of the ministries and the Worship Commission members.
4. A question was posed about interest in a Praise and Worship Service during Lent of 2016.
5. There was some discussion about switching up the services on Fridays to include Taize,
6. Tenebrae and Worship & Praise instead of having Stations of the Cross on all Fridays.
7. There was also a suggestion that sometime during the Easter Season (between Easter and Pentecost) could also be an appropriate time. A musician named Earl Rivard (phone number 510-213-3932) would be interested in organizing such a service. Pat Raceles will take this to the next Liturgical Planning Committee meeting.

Community Life:

1. **What went well?** - The Parish Picnic, Ministry Mingle, Mardi Gras and Simbang Gabi were big successes. We'll need a new chair for the picnic this year and Jessica has the budget from last year for us to use as a template.
2. **What could have gone better?** - We had less attendees at the picnic than last year and we've struggled connecting with the various ministries in our commission (e.g. St. Basils, Women of St. Lucy, Christian Singles). This is probably because we didn't do enough marketing. We will focus on ways to improve our marketing efforts and we'll strive to leverage and support existing events organized by our ministries (e.g. the St. Patrick's Day Dinner organized by the YLI).
3. **Current Initiatives** - A drive for new Ushers, Greeters and Hospitality ministers will begin on Feb28th/March1st. Father Kevin will talk about the ministry after the homily at each Mass, and parishioners will be asked to complete a registration card. The data will be entered into the Rotunda system which will be used to develop schedules. Training will be held for new Ushers and Greeters on March 14th from 11am to 1pm.
4. **Budget Planning** - Each ministry within the Community Life Commission has been asked to prepare their budgets for 2015/2016 and we will discuss/finalize at next month's meeting.

Pastoral Council Summary:

1. **Pastoral Council Goals for FY15-16**
 - We need to promote and explain our theme of "Becoming Intentional Disciples" and to determine ways for including that theme in all parish activities. An initial way to make parishioners aware of the theme will be with a card that will include a prayer and our mission statement.
 - We will form a Transition Team as we bid farewell to Father Kevin and welcome our new Pastor
2. **Gathering of the Ministers Feedback:** Generally good feedback from each Commission, we can improve upon the feedback at future events by making sure we all plan ahead of the meeting.
3. **Pray, Play, Plan:** The Pastoral Council will continue to hold regular retreats to ensure that we are focusing on the spiritual as well as temporal aspects of our roles, and to find time for strategic as well as tactical issues. We plan to hold our "Pray" retreat in March (we'll all attend the Apostles Retreat on March 7th), our "Play" retreat in July, and our "Plan" retreat in October.