

St. Leo Parish Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

Present: Father Grosso, Joe Baranowski, John Bellacicco, Lisa Musilli, Mike Nicholson, Denise Esposito, Charlene Heffernan, Ann Hogan, Raffaella Ione, John Kennedy, Kate Herman, Eileen Towne, Lauren, Maura

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with an opening prayer by Father Grosso. Minutes of the September 17, 2018 minutes were submitted and accepted.

Pastor's Comments

Annual parish collection total is up to \$25,000 which is 50% of our goal. A decrease in parish weekly is between 3% & 5%.

Fr. Grosso is waiting for 1 more invoice from the parish fair before he is able to determine a total earning. When this has occurred, an announcement will be inserted into the bulletin.

Capital Campaign letters will be sent soon.

Committee Reports

Youth Group – We've had a nice turnout of freshmen in our first few meetings

Youth group members served food at the pasta dinner on Saturday

The group will be going to Bowlmor for an outing on Sunday, October 28th

Lord & Taylor "Shop Smart, Do Good" \$5 tickets will be sold at masses during the next few weeks for the charity sale date of Saturday, November 17th

Seniors – A trip to Essex Steamboat was enjoyed by all on October 12th. A general meeting is scheduled for October 16th featuring a nutritionist and on November 13th a trip to toast the Armed Forces and Veterans. Next general meeting is scheduled for November 20th honoring the deceased members which includes the Blessing of the Shawls followed by lunch with a speaker from Bigelow Tea. A drivers program is being looked at so that those unable to get to the meetings will be able to receive a ride.

Social Concerns -

Covenant House Food Drive volunteers are scheduled to hand out bags to fill on October 20 and 21 and return the filled food bags on October 27 and 28.

Memorial Mass scheduled for November 3rd is setup and ready to go. Poster is made and conveys that the Mass is at 9:00 am and not the usual 8:30 am Mass.

Upcoming Christmas Wish Tree will be discussed at next meeting.

Thanksgiving sign-up is in the works and scheduled for November 3rd and 4th. Food to be returned on Wednesday, November 21st.

Anniversary Mass needs a new person to lead this event.

Clothing Drive - working on trying to reinstate this project.

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Social Concerns (Continued)

In process to recruit new Social Concerns members.

Social Concerns members are exploring the idea of a new potential opportunity - Food Rescue.

Ex Officio Reports

Religious Formation – Eileen Towne reported that CCD classes are in full swing. Eileen will be sending e-mails to CCD parents about the need for volunteers for St. Leo Social Concerns committee. Confirmation retreat will be held on November 4th and reconciliation on November 5th. Confirmation is scheduled for November 16th. Students will staple bags for soup kitchen food collection.

Music Ministry – Denise Esposito reported that both adult choirs are in place. Five children will be singing at the 11:30 am Mass. Lessons in Carol concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th. Denise Esposito and Alma Hamilton will be hosting a concert to honor Bernstein on October 28th, 4:00 PM in the church with a reception afterwards.

Other/New Business

Incoming Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will be trained on a diocesan level in the beginning of 2019.

So far approximately 149 people will be coming to the Pasta Dinner scheduled for October 20th.

Bingo is scheduled for Friday, November 9th. Pre-sale of tickets will be on sale weekends of October 20/21, 27/28 and November 3/4.

During the weekend of November 3/4 the Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Tootsie Roll annual collection.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 7:30 PM.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. with a closing prayer by Father Grosso.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hogan