

WISCONSIN RAPIDS DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of
Thursday – January 19, 2017



In Attendance:

Father Altman	St. Peter and Paul	jaltman@solarus.net
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Barb Ziebell	St. Philip, Rudolph	zeke@tznet.com

Bob Hunn led the opening prayer.

Secretary's report was accepted. Get well wishes and a speedy recovery were expressed for Brenda

Treasurer's report was accepted. The parish financial assistance of \$1.50 per household will be requested beginning with the fiscal year FY18 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). Assessments will be based on the number of households who were reported on the 2016 Bishop's Report as having contributed \$100 or more. This will generate \$5,187 additional income for the fiscal years. An advance notice will be sent to parishes so that they can plan their budgets.

Reports:

Family Life Committee will be hosting the Couples Nite on February 25 at Ridges, West Wing. Chuck Neff, Relevant Radio, will be the speaker. Topic of his presentation is "*The Power of the Promise*".

Deanery Social Justice sponsored the fall lecture Series, "Drug Use in Wisconsin Rapids". The attendance was very well received. It was the largest attendance ever for the lecture series. The suggested and probable topic for this fall's lecture series is "Suicide and Mental Illness".

Lenten collections will begin March 1. Each parish will determine the length of time for the collection. The committee will suggest it end on Palm Sunday. Infant items will be collected for Random Acts of Kindness (formerly Hope's Door) and essential items for SWEPS.

Some of the social justice activities by our deanery parishes include:

- Soon, twice a month, St. Joseph Parish in Adams will be having a Mass in Spanish.
- St. Lawrence hosting a Trivia Contest to raise money for a school in Uganda.
- SS Peter and Paul had a Christmas basket drive which resulted in baskets for 35-37 people.
- Sacred Heart sponsored 27 families through the Angel Tree. They also support the backpack project and have an ongoing collection for SWEPS.
- Holy Rosary is financially supporting a parishioner who is struggling financially.
- St. Alexander supports a Navajo Mission in Arizona and has a monthly collection for SWEPS.
- St. Vincent de Paul supports its twin parish in Haiti.

The Social Justice committee is hoping to have a representative from each parish in the deanery. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25.

Hospital and Nursing Home Ministry – Joyce is supposed to be called by 1 p.m. if someone does not show at the hospital for their ministry. So far she has not received a call. There are now seven people at Cranberry Court who are being visited through the nursing home ministry.

Grief Support – No Report

Diocesan Pastoral Council has not had a meeting since March 2016. There is a meeting scheduled for the end of March 2017.

Old Business:

Updates to Deanery Directory – Bob is working on getting up-to-date parish assignments and will soon have something to share.

New Business:

Replace Discontinued Deanery Website? – The web hosting provider for the Deanery website has discontinued. Fortunately, Phil Kozloski had downloaded the entire website before the dissolution of the provider. With permission of the Marian Center Board, we can piggyback on the Marian Center for Peace account with Solarus. Expenses will include a \$100-\$150 yearly fee to Solarus for website space, \$20 per year for our domain name (www.RapidsDeaneryinDOLC.com), a one-time charge of \$250-\$300 to move the old website to the new site, and \$25 monthly charge for maintaining the site.

We do have a Deanery calendar on Google for which there is no charge. Phil estimates that 15-20 people per week visited the site before the crash.

So, is the expense worth the uploading of the site? Do the parishes utilize the website and calendar to promote their events? Do the parishioners use the new Parish App?

There was not a consensus of opinion, but it was decided to upload the deanery website and after one year, evaluate the visitors to the site. At that time, it will be decided whether or not to continue with the site.

At the next Priest's meeting, Bob will speak about the website and ask if the url can be included on the front of parish bulletins. Each parish will be encouraged to make their parishioners aware of the site and to submit events for the calendar.

Deanery Archives – Jim Hass has copies of Deanery minutes from 2003. No one was aware of any archives of Deanery material. For the time being, Jim will keep the minutes.

Pay Tyler will lead the prayer at the April meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m.

Father Altman led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Ziebell, Acting Secretary