

Representatives Present

Fr. David Cybulski, Vicar, Fr. Brian Hurley, Crysti Esper, St. John, Elton Hedges, Divine Grace, Nancy Dietrich, Bookkeeper, Fred Fedorowicz, St. Mary of Monroe, Grant Alberts, St. Mary Our Lady of the Annunciation, Nick Craanen, St. Charles /APC, Jenny Fleck, Marilyn Laboe, Christine Heinzerling, Nancy Thompson, Sheena Zawistowicz, Tyler O'Brien, Brian Pigula, OLMC

Opened with Evening Prayer at 7:01 pm

❖ **Vicar: Fr. David Cybulski**

- Handed out "Unleash the Gospel" to attendees and asked them to review it for Oct. meeting discussion
- Create a "Role of Intercessors or prayer warriors" a list of people at each parish who will pray for the vicariate.
- Minutes will be distributed prior to meeting for VPC to review. Avoid "reporting out" at VPC meetings and give highlights only so the VPC meeting is more fruitful.
- Crysti is stepping down as executive secretary and representative for St. John. Looking for a replacement starting at the October meeting. Crysti will remain in her role as Communications Coordinator, working with special events, the website, social media, and the newsletter production. The executive secretary will attend the meetings, record and distribute meeting minutes.
- Checks are on hold for now until budget is approved (Oct. 2017 meeting). The process will be to cut checks twice a month (15th & 30th). Fr. Phil Ching is alternate signer.

❖ **Budget Discussion**

- Each committee is to spend money wisely and should list (itemize) how they are spending money to show accountability.
- The vicariate works on a "receipt" basis for reimbursement of expenses, a receipt must be turned in to the treasurer (Fred) for recording and then given to Nancy for check cutting, then to Fr. David or Fr. Phil to sign.
- Clergy meets on Oct. 3 and Oct. 18. Please send committee minutes and budget information to Crysti so she can compile the information for the clergy meeting on Oct. 3.
- Fred needs information regarding the Hispanic Ministry: (1) PEF application deadline, criterion, etc. from Jenny so this information is on file.

❖ **Evangelization**

- This committee needs to be much stronger. There are only a few committee members. Some ideas were presented by the VPC
- Committee needs to meet more often
- Seriously consider having a fair booth. Youth/Young Adult groups could also collaborate with this.
- Fr. David gave the example of "Priests in the Park" an article published in the Michigan Catholic in August.
- Each parish is encouraged to send a representative to the committee. Fr. David will ask this of the priests.
- The next meeting is Oct. 19, St. John the Baptist Parish at 7 pm

❖ **Hispanic Ministry**

- Committee lacks accountability of expenses (no receipts turned) and income (from weekly collection not reported to vicariate).
- Discussion of whether this ministry benefits vicariate-wide or is it a ministry of St. Mary Parish.
- Jenny will have budget itemized for the Oct. 3 meeting so priests have some idea of the ministry expenses and income

❖ **Young Adult Ministry (Gatekeepers)**

- The committee meets every other week
- The committee held summer social events such as bonfires and movies.
- Started a Men's Group Bible Study and forming a Women's Bible Study
- Theology on Tap at Michigan Bar & Grill with Bishop Battersby on Dec. 6.

❖ **Youth Ministry**

- Nancy offered a thank you to the VPC for covering the cost of the buses to Steubenville. Because of this, the cost per youth attending is reduced significantly.
- Would like to have a speaker invited which could cost upwards of \$3,000. Can cost of a speaker be split with another committee, i.e. Evangelization? Item will be put in the budget.

❖ **Peace & Justice**

- Currently have 4 members on the committee.
- Nancy Thompson explained that committee may take a sabbatical to regroup and reorganize.
- Ministry will focus on the inclusion of people with all abilities, especially children with various disabilities and elderly with vision and hearing disabilities. Inviting ways for all the parishes to be more welcoming to people with all abilities so they can be comfortable in the Church and community, especially at mass.
- Idea of inviting a national speaker to visit the Monroe County area.

❖ **Vocations**

- Priesthood Sunday is on October 29
- National Vocation Awareness Week is November 5 -11
- Vicariate Vocations Mass is at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Newport on Wednesday, November 8 at 7pm with Bishop Gerard Battersby
- All parishes should have petitions for vocations included in their prayers, also at school masses
- Fr. David suggests that the committee write and give the petition to each parish

❖ **Jail Ministry**

- Currently there are 4 teams of men and 2 teams of women

❖ **IHM**

- Doing repairs to the Chapel
- Planning an event for healthcare

Open Forum

- **Communications:** Crysti thanked the VPC for their support as she served as Interim Executive Secretary for the past 3 ½ years.

Closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next meeting is on Wed., Oct. 18, 2017 at St. Charles, Newport

Submitted by Crysti Esper
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