

MINUTES OF THE PASTORIAL COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Meeting opened with a prayer. In attendance were Kris Carver, Fr. Antony, Charlie Currier, Dennis Masson, Hart Klee, Fred Kemmerley, Charles McLeod, Sandy Roland, Susan Weber, Pat Blaszkzy.

Minutes of the October meeting were read.

OLD BUSINESS

Charlie Currier reported on the Golf Tournament. We profited \$8,050. There was an excellent response considering the Bicentennial Campaign collected \$125,000.

The revision of the rosary booklets is in progress. Father requested a picture of St. Ann and a brief history of the church for the back of the booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

Fred reported on the Parish Ministries. He's considering a combined schedule of all ministries - Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, alter servers, cantors and possibly the greeters. Dennis suggested a computer program designed for this purpose. Fred will look into it.

Hart discussed the \$60,000 return on the Bicentennial campaign. In October we received \$21,800. Next payment is in January (quarterly payments). We presently have \$46,853 in the savings account and the \$119,000 from the sale of Holly Hill is collecting \$227 a month in interest. In addition, \$7500 received from the diocese will be put in our Savings Account.

From the outreach funds we purchased turkeys for Thanksgiving and we're looking into turkeys or hams for Christmas. In addition to the food distribution, meals-on-wheels and school supplies we're looking for other outreach programs. Father suggested setting up a committee to look into helping a needy family with utility bills, gas cards. and making arrangements with hotels for overnight stays. Contact must be made with Father for committee approval. Father also suggested St. Vincent de Paul. Suggestion made to set aside funds to help a needy family in the parish. Susan, Sandy and Dennis volunteered for the Committee.

There was no report from the Liturgy Committee. Fred discussed a Miscellany article about greeting visitors, and suggested two greeters for each mass in case one does not show. In bad weather Susan suggested the Ushers do the greeting. Father suggested closing the church doors to cut off the noise in the vestibule during Rosary, Mass and the kitchen noise on hospitality Sunday. He also suggested starting in January to have a family sign up as greeters and gift bearers for the same mass. In January Father will ask for volunteers.

Sandy discussed the success of the Octoberfest. She suggested a committee meeting for input for next years event. The parish Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 15 with signup sheet available November 23 and 24. Main dish will be provided by parish funds.

The retreat, scheduled for November 23rd, will have a light lunch provided. Susan and Martha are in charge.

There was no report from Dennis on the Knights of Columbus.

Charles McLeod reported on Safety and Security. No guidance is available on church security. The diocese states no guns are to be brought into church.

Charlie Currier thanked Father for the columbarium blessing on All Souls Day. There is a possibility that another niche has been sold. Also, the website usage is decreasing.

In Dottie Biering's absence, Kris reported two students have moved away, having no students for First Communion. Paul Dashnaw has volunteered to teach 7th grade. They are also planning a retreat for CCD children and their parents.

There was no report on Social Services. Father and Martha visited one parishioner. If sacraments are requested for shut-ins, a family member must call Father directly.

Fred reported on Education Formation and discussed the Formed. A subscription was purchased in January 2018 for \$800 expiring in Jan. 2020. The renewal will cost \$999 for one year for the three parishes together if the number of parishioners is less than 400. Father agree to pay the fee and will get feed back next year.

Fred and Dennis discussed the small group meeting in homes of parishioners and the related problems with internet.

Fr. John Bosco will give a power point presentation at the retreat on November 23. The recommissioning of ministries will be Sat., Nov. 23 and Sun., Nov. 24.

Father will be away from, January 15 to around February 20, 2020. Fr. Joseph Arockiam will fill in for Father in his absence.

Lent begins February 26. A three day retreat, March 1, 2, and 3 will be given by Fr. Joseph.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be Sunday, April 19 at St. Ann's.

The next Liturgy meeting will be Wednesday, January 8.
The Pastoral Council meeting will be Friday, January 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Blaszkzy