

## **St. James Pastoral Council Meeting Notes**

**Date:** June 4, 2018

**Location:** St. James - Room 10

**Present from St. James:** Fr. Ed Tlucek, Marissa Reynolds, Derek Schiltz, Glen Lazich, Robert O'Malley, Drew Yergens, Jerry Holzhauser, Renee Hitt, Carol Pearson, Cheryl Marotta, Bill Kirkman, Keith Fisher, Bill Schmit, Sharon Miley, Debra Dunn and Steve Dohms (potential Pastoral Council member in attendance).

**Absent:** Harold Casper

**Notes Approved from May 7, 2018** by Bill Schmitt and Jerry Holzhauser.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelization/Stewardship:** **Drew** reports the next meeting is Wednesday.

**Prayer & Worship:** **Carol** provided a handout – see attached.

**Finance:** Cheryl Bottom line is our net profit is \$60,426.00 as of the 4/30/2018. May's numbers are not out yet. Finance committee has been doing interviews of capital gain committees to see what that will cost. Looking at early fall to present to the parish the plan for the renovations to the church and facilities. Also, talked about making a donation to St. Franciscan Friars to honor Fr. Ed. This would be split between the two parishes about 70/30.

**Adult Formation:** Bill Schmitt reports no meeting

**Human Concerns:** Bill Schmitt reports no meeting but we are hosting Family promise at St. Therese's starting Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. We are in a good position with most of the volunteer positions filled but still need a couple of overnight people, Sunday dinner and a dinner host.

**Youth Parish Council Members:** **Marissa** reports that they are still looking at whether people will respond online and will monitor & do written handouts at mass to youth to get them to answer the survey. Looking at giving them a gift card to Culvers to get them to answer the survey about what type of programs they would like to see offered.

**Festival:** Keith reports that he attended the expo in the past week to talk to food truck vendors. He passed out flyers but has not gotten anything back yet. After discussion, he decided not to make an executive decision that there will not be an outdoor mass on Sunday after the festival. It is too labor intensive. We are looking at no more than 6 food trucks but would like to have a variety available both Friday and Saturday. Discussed if they would be given a discount from the \$100 fee per day if they do both days. There will be a chicken dinner on Saturday night and a fish fry on Friday night. We have 3 bands lined up and are working on getting arts & craft people in for the Festival Marketplace on Saturday.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Both Youth parish Members, Marissa & Derrick, agreed to do another term
- Results of the Parish Council & Trustee Discernment meeting. Glen reports that we have 3 open positions on the pastoral council. Sharon is stepping down due to work constraints. Drew's & Harold's terms are ending as well. Discussion followed about how to get people

involved. It was suggested by Fr. Ed that we use the names from the confirmation classes of parents and approach them to step up to participate on the parish council. Fr. Ed also recommended that we replace members with diversity in our council. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to someone to ask them to volunteer for a position on the pastoral council.

- Steve Dohm, is a candidate for a pastoral council position. He is a master plumber and owns his own business. He has been a Boy Scout leader for over 11 years and a Charter representative for St. James. He is married, and has two boys, one a senior and one a freshman. He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight and has worked with the Festival Committee & run the beer tent, with his wife running the wine bar. He has been a member of the church for 15 years, is happy with the parish and wants to help out if he can. When asked what his interest would be in the committee's he thought the youth & religious education appealed to him. At the end of the meeting, Steve was asked to step out and the council agreed that we would like to invite him to join our Pastoral council. Glen will be following up with him.
- Bill Kirkman asked as people get committee reports to get them to him & Rene Ranic
- Drew presented about Welcoming. Hospitality is what it looks like at other churches; it is very public and needs to go well. Hospitality is a focus of the Catholic Church and started with Jesus in his hospitality to invite everyone in and broke bread with them. A hospitality ministry sets the tone for the parish and we need to invite members to be more involved in "inviting people in to live their faith." Since 2003 we had 543,000 members but in 2018 we have seen an 113,000 decline. It is important to get people back to church. 30% attend regularly but 70% don't. We need to create a foundation of hospitality where parishioners feel welcome. The goal is to invite committee groups to host a mass each week, to be visible and up front. We need a permanent kiosk, where people can go for information. We will create a book of frequently asked questions and if there is a question we can't answer it needs to go back to the office & get an answer immediately. We need to use the media to celebrate baptisms, and events in our parish. We need to start small. We need to provide coffee, juice for the kids & snacks. Drew agreed to stay on to work on this project and to do another term on the Pastoral Council.
- **Next Meeting Date to be scheduled in July.**