

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 9-18-17

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Bob Miller, Administrator, Diane Eckroate, Larry Bergert, Melissa Dale, Tom Dowling, Daniel Reemsnyder, Ann Haines, Carl Popa, Ray Hunter and Tammy Mierzwa, Business Manager. All members were present. Ray Hunter was introduced to everyone. He previously served on Council and was named by Fr. Bob to replace Gabe Marsi who has joined another parish.

The meeting opened at 6:40pm with a prayer led by Ann Haines.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Daniel Reemsnyder and seconded by Larry Bergert.

FINANCE REPORT: Tammy Mierzwa presented a revised Finance Report that was easier for all to comprehend. Much discussion ensued following the report which is periodically printed in the bulletin. Greg DiNarda from the Finance Council will explain the finance report at all the Masses this weekend.

SCHOOL BUSINESS: The St. Louis Parent's Association is sponsoring a Quarter Auction on Saturday, November 4th at Sacred Heart of Mary Hall. The cost of the paddle is \$5.00 and extra paddles can be purchased. There will be a silent auction, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. You can BYOB and you can also bring your own snacks for your table. There will be vendors selling food and beverages. This event is replacing the auction that we have had in previous years. Council members are encouraged to attend this event and to encourage other parishioners to attend. Details about the event will appear in the bulletin.

MASS FOR ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Fr. Bob would like to see a Mass for the anointing of the sick at our parish. He said these Masses are usually offered as a separate Mass so a lot of extra time is not added to a regular weekend Mass. Diane and Melissa offered to plan the Mass and meet with Fr. Bob to do so. Several council members offered to help with the planning.

NEW BUSINESS: Carol Popa reported that she has been approached by parishioners asking what the responsibilities of the new organist are. Fr. Bob said she is paid per diem for the two Masses on the weekend, and for one choir practice a week and she can work with the cantors once or twice a month. Carol asked if April, our organist, would be serving as our choir director, and Fr. Bob said it is not her responsibility, but she is willing to give guidance to the choir members. Additionally, Tom Dowling said he was asked by a parishioner if we are having the fruit sale again this year. Due to Hurricane Irma hitting Florida as hard as it did, and the uncertainty of the fruit, it was unanimously to not have the sale this year.

ST. LOUIS PARISH PROFILE: Fr. Bob asked the members if they had gone over the St. Louis Parish Profile that was compiled in November, 2016. They had and much discussion ensued regarding our parish compared to the other profiles that were studied by members in previous months. He said that our parish is doing well and is stronger than perhaps parishioners think. The strengths & weaknesses of the parish were discussed. Fr. Bob said he would like the members to be assigned to one of two committees for now, Parish Life and Social Justice. Next month we will discuss this in more detail and he will describe what is expected for each committee and will assign members to one of the committees.

Fr. Bob gave the Mass schedule for St. Louis for the upcoming Holy Days, All Saints Day - 11-1-17 - 9am and 7pm. All Souls Day - 11-2-17 - 7pm - We will recognize all of the parishioners who died and were buried from St. Louis during this past year. Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year so the regular Sunday Mass will be 10:30am like always. The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be - 12-24-17 - 4pm and 10pm and 12-25-17 - 8am and 10:30am. There will be no New Year's Eve Mass and New Year's Day will be 10:30am. Sacred Heart of Mary Mass schedule is Christmas Eve 7pm, Christmas Day 9am and New Years Day - 9am.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm with a motion by Daniel and seconded by Ann. Fr. Bob gave the closing prayer.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 10-16-17 AT 6:30PM (NEW MEETING TIME) AT HOFFER HALL. DIANE ECKROATE WILL HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Swierz, Pastoral Council Secretary