

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - 10-16-17

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Bob Miller, Ray Hunter, Tom Dowling, Ann Haines, Melissa Dale and Carol Popa.

ABSENT: Diane Eckroate, and Larry Bergert. Daniel Reemsnyder has informed Fr. Bob he needed to resign effective immediately due to other obligations.

The meeting opened at 6:40pm with a prayer led by Fr. Bob.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Ray Hunter and seconded by Melissa Dale.

FINANCE REPORT: The Finance Report was distributed. He reminded the council Tammy Mierzwa will no longer attend these monthly meetings, so that the meetings can move forward more speedily. She had simplified the report last month and made it easier to understand. He will be distributing the report and answering any question from now on. There was discussion regarding the Baby Bottle Campaign that our parish used to contribute to once a year. Fr. Bob said he was informed that in place of the bottles being distributed contributions are taken from the monthly FISH fund for this important project. He reminded everyone that the Oct FISH collection was going to the Hurricane Relief Fund.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS: Fr. Bob reported that by way of benefactors two more classrooms are being carpeted. Additionally, lighting will be replaced in one classroom, the First Floor Hallway and the Offices. This will all be done on Friday, 10-20-17, since there is no school for the students that day. Also a reminder was made to members to try and support the Quarter Auction on Saturday, 11-4-17, at 7PM at Sacred Heart of Mary School Hall and to encourage your family and friends to attend. Complete details have been printed in several Sunday Bulletins.

MASS FOR ANOINTING OF THE SICK: This Mass will be Sunday 11-5-17, at 2PM at St. Louis Church. This Mass will satisfy our Sunday obligation for Mass as it will have the regular Sunday readings and music. Shelly Swierz volunteered to be a Lector at the Mass, Ray Hunter and Tom Dowling volunteered to be an usher, and Melissa Dale said she would check with Diane Eckroate regarding Eucharistic Ministers. Carol Popa will be the Cantor, or will get someone else to do it for this Mass.

Discussion ensued regarding the way Eucharistic Ministers line up at the altar. Several members present are distributors and they all agreed the way numbers are assigned and the way they line up leads to all a lot of confusion. Fr. Bob will look into this and when the next schedule is distributed in January, he will implement any needed changes to avoid some of the confusion.

NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL FOR 2018: For the next meeting, 11-20-17, all members were asked to bring a name of a viable candidate, whom they have asked to be considered for the Pastoral Council 2018. Additionally, Fr. Bob will be sure there is bulletin announcement for the next several weeks, asking parishioners to consider if they would be willing to serve on Pastoral Council.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES: Fr. Bob will announce at the next meeting what the Parish Life and Social Justice Committees will entail. It was decided that he would wait till Council commences in January with the new members to assign these committees.

Fr. Bob gave the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm with a motion by Ann Haines and seconded by Melissa Dale.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, 11-20-17 AT 6:30PM AT HOFFER HALL. MELISSA DALE WILL GIVE THE OPENING PRAYER.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Swierz, Pastoral Council Secretary