

Summary of June 2018 Pastoral Council Meeting

Financial Report: April was a five weekend month which resulted in higher than normal collections. Capital campaign donations were also good. Around \$6 million has been pledged and \$4 million of that has been received to date.

Education and Formation Commission: St Joseph School Principal Diane Wolfe said four high school teachers and two guidance counselors are moving their classrooms/offices to the Spiritan Center. Work on cooling the Family Activities Center has been completed and was to be operational early this month. The portable high school building formerly used by a social studies teacher is for sale if a prospective owner can move it. The Elementary School campus, which has experienced vandalism in recent months, is now fully-equipped with security safeguards.

Parish Life Commission: It collaborated with the Hispanic Commission on preparing a farewell get together and meal for Father Alfhones, Father Raj, Sister Rosy, and Sister Cecilia on June 3 in the Spiritan Center. The gathering was well attended. A similar function will be held on July 15 after the 5:00 pm Mass honoring the arrival of our new Associate Pastor, Father Jeff Hebert.

Stewardship Commission: A phone-a-thon is being considered in conjunction with Stewardship Month this October. It's hoped as many as 50 volunteers will be calling parishioners in an effort to solicit their time and talent. Newer volunteers are needed to assist with the needs of all ministries so that the tried and true workers don't suffer burnout.

Hispanic Commission: Hispanic parishioners continue to support the Capital Campaign with their food sales. The May 27 taco sale brought in over \$1,000. A tamale sale is set for July 21. Representatives from the Guatemalan and Mexican Consulates were in the area in June and July to provide assistance with passports and other identification.

Social Justice and Charitable Outreach Commission: The Missions Committee will deliver its Missions Report to the Parish on World Mission Sunday weekend October 21. The Committee is currently partnering with nearly 20 different organizations on a variety of programs. Since January, it has also coordinated nearly a dozen Handyman Service Projects in Conway and at St. Andrew's Parish in Danville.

Old Business: The Church's Administrative Offices completed its move from the Century 21 Real Estate Office to the new Spiritan Center with assistance from the St. Joseph School basketball and baseball teams. This saved many man hours. There have been a few hiccups and bumps in making the transition to the new facilities, but it's all been part of the learning process. The Parish Budget for fiscal 2018-2019 came back from the Finance Council with no changes. A motion to give final approval was approved and seconded. At the last Pastoral Council meeting, the future of the Church's projection system was discussed. It is costly to maintain and the picture quality is beginning to degrade. Either a newer, more costly but efficient system would have to be purchased or we'd have to retreat back to missalettes. The consensus was to seek outside recommendations and purchase the most reliable system available. Efforts in this direction are underway.

Pastor's Report: Father Tony was away, so there was no report.