

**MINUTES**  
**ST.PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 5, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Pat, Keith Koch Chairman, Martin Klostermann, Vice Chair, Mark Rosen, Rose Wascher, Derek Burns,

**ABSENT:** Susie Gallatin, Monica Toennies, Engie Walker, Judy Shannon, Deacon David Bohnenstiehl

**Opening Prayer:** Martin Klostermann

**Minutes from previous Meeting, September 14<sup>th</sup>, were approved.**

**PULSE OF PARISH-AFFIRMATIONS:**

- Chairman Keith spoke of the many positive comments about the outdoor Mass at the park, it was inspiring, the park setting was great and the food good. An estimated count of 257 people attended.
- Grandparents Day at the school was great. Fr. Pat did a wonderful job at Mass as always.
- Cursillo sendoff was well attended. The candidate was impressed and sent a nice letter expressing his appreciation.
- The Life Chain was held on Sunday. The number of people attending was not confirmed but Rose commented that she noted many cars passing by “honked” in agreement.

**Father Pat’s Points:** Fr. Pat is very happy with the number of people stepping up as LEADERS at St Paul Parish.

The Church is getting new Hymnals. After much deliberation and discussion, it was decided to purchase 2 separate hymnals, Worship with the hymns and readings and Gather with just hymns. We are ordering 300 each, 130 choir hymnals and several set of supporting accompaniment books at a cost of \$15,000 from GIA in Chicago. Shipping is negligible. They have already arrived.

Father received a complaint about the handshake and greeting before Mass. After discussion and Father explained that we are a community of faith and should be welcoming to ALL. We agreed that we will continue with greeting everyone before Mass begins.

Fr. Pat expressed the need to work on our Parish Mission and Vision Statements. This will be discussed more after the parish mission.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Ministry Fair attendance and results comments were mixed. However, several people signed up for different ministries...so overall it had a positive outcome.

Storm Collections for the Hurricanes Harvey and Irma victims were good. The Bishops are asking for another collection for Hurricane Maria and the Mexico earthquake victims for October 22/23.

“Proposed Synodal Declarations by the 4<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod will be voted on by the diocesan representatives in November.

Food Pantry food collection is scheduled for the October 8/9 weekend Masses.

Fr. Pat addressed the issues brought up at the end of the September meeting; Speeding up the distribution of Holy Communion and people leaving Mass early, cushions for the first front pews in the church, promoting the Adoration Chapel, Marking the steps in front of church and Roses request for assistance for her mission. These items are not being acted upon at this time, with the exception of the steps, which has been forwarded to the property committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fr. Pat had a request to have the Saturday Mass earlier. Martin provided a list neighboring parishes Saturday and Sunday Mass schedules for review. We discussed the need for three Masses on Sunday. For now, we are not looking for any changes.

Fr. Pat is in discussion with Daniel Oberruetter, et al. concerning a Parish Mission for the middle of November. He will discuss this with the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. Also, Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Parish will host Matt Fradd, an internationally-recognized Catholic speaker on the topics of love, chastity, and the plague of pornography.

Fr. Pat presented the preliminary drawings of the Parish Campus. Members present agreed with the need to expand and upgrade our facilities. We are in the early stages of this concept with no timetable. More to come...

**Closing Prayer:** Martin Klostermann

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING November 9, 2017 4:00 PM**

Martin Klostermann, Subrecorder