

## **St. Joseph Catholic Church**

### *Parish Council Meeting*

September 24, 2019

6:00 PM

Library

DeVries House

Bowling Green, KY 42101

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present:**

Pastor Ryan Harpole, Parochial Vicar Basilio Az Cuc, Seminarian Chris Kight

Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Francisco Flores, Roxana Ford, Sojo Ngoy, Rodney Schwartz and Ben Warrell

#### **Absent:**

Chris Durbin

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Ryan.

#### **Finance**

The financial report for August, which had been approved by the Finance Council, was reviewed. Fr. Ryan noted there are two new members of the Finance Council who have strong financial backgrounds which has been an asset.

The HVAC unit had to be replaced in one of the rental properties, as well as other incurred repair expenses, which currently negates any income from the properties.

#### **Renew Campaign**

Fr. Ryan reported the building fund has \$1.135 million on hand.

Hispanic parishioners will hold a fund raiser for the restoration on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be provided following the 8:00 Mass and lunch following the 10:30 Mass.

Campaign Launch Weekends will take place in October with Commitment Weekend in November. Ten families are hosting Renew parties to introduce parishioners to the campaign prior to the formal launch. A Parish Renew Celebration will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The event will include food, music and games. Parishioners will be asked to provide a side dish, while the Parish will provide several meat choices

## **Faith Formation**

Fr. Ryan explained that 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders no longer attend Faith Formation. Instead the students will participate in 4-5 sessions of Confirmation Prep and a Retreat.

A number of parents tend to wait in the Parish Hall while their children attend Faith Formation classes. Most are from the Hispanic community. Fr. Basilio will begin working with these parents moving them into the church to offer Adult Faith Formation.

## **Community Life**

The Charismatic Congress was held August 31-September 1. There were more than 400 participants. It was noted that having the Congress on Labor Day weekend made it easier for the school to accommodate the event.

The Marian Congress will be held October 13. Father Richard Cash will be the presenter. The Congress promotes devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This year's NCYC will take place November 20-23.

The Bishop Barron Class (Pivotal Players) is now scheduled to begin September 29.

## **New Business**

Fr. Ryan was asked to consider the feasibility of having a monthly Mass at St. Joseph for members of the Congolese community with Fr. Michael Charles presiding. It is believed many members of this community live within walking distance of our church. Fr. Ryan will consider this further. It was suggested if we do agree that it be on a trial basis.

## **Other Business**

Chris Kight reported he is working to further develop the Young Adult Ministry which is directed at adults age 21-39.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM with a closing prayer by Fr. Ryan.

## **Next Meeting Date**

Parish Council will meet on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM

