



## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 22, 2017

**Present:** Deacon Dan Ackerson, Connie Benko, Tom Carter, Father Cocco, Bill DelleDonne, Pat Hearn, Marie Kopf, Deacon Pete Nellius, Susan Ondish, Rose Marie Patin, Deacon Jim Walls, Bob Wolhar

Rose Marie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Father Cocco offered the opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Father Cocco reported that he purchased a new monstrance while in Poland. He and Dennis Huss picked up the new tabernacle obtained from Christ Our King parish in Wilmington, and also the large statue of Christ Our King. Plans are under way to install the tabernacle in the sanctuary, and also a platform for the statue in front of the administration building. Father mentioned that the first week of pledges to the Diocesan Annual Appeal was behind that of last year, but seems to be picking up. The parish is still receiving some funds from the Diocesan Capital Campaign of 2014. There was an extensive discussion regarding a new locking system for the wood doors between the sanctuary and the sacristy. Bill DelleDonne and Father Cocco will be looking into options.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Father reported on the Finance Council meeting, sharing that the parish is in a good financial condition. Deacon Jim Walls presented a chart to the finance council outlining the charities to which the parish contributes which resulted in realignment of some contributions.

**OPEN ISSUES:** Rose Marie reported Jim Kelleher's has formally resigned. There was a discussion regarding the clean up kit and where it should be located, and this initiated a conversation regarding the crowded condition of the usher closet. Pat Hearn and Bill DelleDonne will look into this. There was a consensus to post the Pastoral Council minutes on the Parish web site, as well as pictures and brief profiles of Pastoral Council members. It was also determined that there is not a current need for a communications committee as a result of a discussion about available resources in the Parish.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

**BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE:** Bill DelleDonne is procuring bids for refurbishing the Hall. This will include new air conditioning, ceiling, floor and windows. The cost is estimated be approximately \$118,000. There was an extensive discussion on many topics regarding needs of the Hall kitchen. Deacon Dan will be heading up a new kitchen committee which will begin coordination in September. Additional cameras have been installed, and the front steps of the church are tentatively scheduled to be renewed in October.

**STEWARSHIP:** Stewardship Sunday will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The date of the Parish Mission has not been determined.

**FAMILY LIFE:** The picnic at Grove Park was well-attended by about 200 people, and it went very well. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of having the 2018 picnic at Kings Creek Country Club, although it was mentioned that the capacity is 150.

**LITURGY:** Connie reported that this year's attendance for Palm Sunday, the Triduum, and Easter was over 6,000.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Marie reported that confirmation was at St. Jude Parish, and that a Catechist dinner is planned for June 20<sup>th</sup> at Dos Locos. St. Edmond is tentatively scheduled to host confirmation in 2018.

**SALT AND LIGHT:** Bob announced that the dinners for international students will begin on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**LRAC:** Pat reported that elections for LRAC are coming up soon.

**OTHER ISSUES:** A 14-day tour of religious venues in Europe is being planned for October 2018. There is currently space for about 35 people, and reservations can be made now.

The possibility of a Parish photo album has been tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Hail Mary and Father's blessing.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carter  
Secretary