

August 8, 2019
Pastoral Council

Council Members Present: Fr. Gross, Dana Hillebrand, Virginia Esslinger, Virginia Wilson, Ellen Rose, Ranae Loftsgard

- I. Call to Order – Dana called the meeting to order.
- II. Prayer – Father led prayer.
- III. Review Agenda – no changes
- IV. Standing Reports

a) Pastor's Report - Father introduced Ranae Loftsgard our daycare director, and she updated council on the daycare going on a food program, touched on the number of children we have and that we are low right now on staff. She would like to do an open house at some point and Kelly will do a slide show at that time.

Father said that we only had one wedding in June and several funerals. He will start RCIA on Tuesday evenings.

The Family Fest will be on August 25th. There will be a folk band and food. KC's are paying for and grilling the food. Altar Society will do set up and clean up. Health ministry/social concerns will be registration. There will also be gym and playground activities. There will be a fundraiser bingo party on November 11th from 6-8 pm. Steve Zidon is making a toy box for one of the prizes.

b) Health/Social Concerns/Prayer Shawl Ministry Report – Virginia Esslinger reported that there will be a flu shot clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 22nd in conjunction with the Fall Dinner. The fundraiser for Paul Helgeson was a great success. ASK (Adopting Special Kids) has asked the social concerns to donate blankets. They will have a blanket bee soon. Quilts were made for Camp Good Mourning. Social Concerns is volunteering \$100 in chips, fruit cups etc. to United Lutheran's summer lunch program. Gas and grocery gift cards were bought to keep in the office for emergency situations.

The Cookie Walk will be on December 14th from 9:30 to 12:00. They are working on getting more parishioners to donate baked goods since they ran out last year.

The social concerns will be heading the Jesse Tree this year.

They will meet in September, October and November.

c) Religious Ed Report – Don was out of town and submitted a written report. He took 12 youth who earned points to the Twin Cities where they went to a Twins game and Valley Fair. The 2nd payment to the Fargo Diocese for the 3 high schoolers and 2 chaperones going to NCYC has been made. We will be having 3 Holy Family youth join us. A letter will be sent out soon reminding parents to get their children registered for CCD classes. Tuition has gone up this year to \$40. Don is presently looking for a 2nd grade teacher.

d) KC Report – The Knights had a picnic out at Sertoma Park. They helped out at Special Olympics again this year. They will be helping with the family fun fest. Two scholarships were given from the Fr. Dan Mrnarevic Scholarship Fund.

e) Altar Society Report – Virginia Wilson reported that the Altar Society met on Tuesday to stuff envelopes for the Fall Dinner. Linda Palmiscno is the new president and Roxanne Ray and Mary Thompson have kept their positions. Membership is low and they are looking at how to increase. Father Gross would like to have a core committee of leadership from younger parishioners for Altar Society that can learn from those that have been there for a long time. The Altar Society is buying new vestments and a garbage disposal for the kitchen. September 9th they will meet to make meatballs and have a meeting. The bible study will be starting again this fall.

f) Liturgy Committee Report – Virginia Wilson reported that the committee met in May. They will meet again August 20th to plan for the time and talent surgery. October is the month of the rosary so they will be also talking about it and training for altar servers, EMEs and lectors. Confirmation is on May 9th @ 10:00 a.m. in Manvel this year. Bishop Barron's book about the suffering church will be handed out this month at the Masses.

g) Finance Council Report – Fr. Gross reported that finance council talked about re-evaluating how we subsidize our parochial students.

V. New Business – Deacon Sam Pupino will be celebrating his 40th year as deacon on Sunday, September 8th at the 10:30 Mass. Bishop Folda will be here also. A catered brunch will be served.

VI. Adjourned