**St. Anthony’s Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

***Minutes subject to review and change until approved***

Members present: Father Bill Skarich (365-4017), Deacon Don Klick (365-6144), Deacon Rick Moravitz (365-6249), Pat Koski (365-5630), Ruth Lah (235-9691), Julie Vanderbeek (235-8188), Jessica Dunn (365-2726), Liz Brandriet (503-956-0086), Sheri Dochat (365-2965), Amy Consoer (612-710-4272)

Members absent: None

Others present: Angie Kucera

1. Opening Prayer: First 15
2. Motion by Julie to approve minutes for May meeting; Sheri seconded. Motion passed. Julie nominated Jessie D. for new Pastoral Council Secretary; Jessie accepted. Pat will provide Robert’s Rules.
3. Commission Reports:
   1. Faith Formation: Angie is focusing on Wednesday nights with middle/high school students. This summer, two kids went as campers and one as a junior counselor to Camp Survive. *Totus Tuus* had smaller attendance, possibly due to lateness in the summer. Hopefully next year it can be earlier. Angie plans to go to school activities such as plays, sporting events, and concerts to meet the kids where they are at. She is also going to the college to invite students to the church for a free meal on Sundays with study after. Sometimes they will get together with Deacon Rick’s faith and fellowship and follow Father Mike Schmitz’s videos and discussion. Fr. Bill went to the college for a house blessing. Angie will be taking January off for maternity leave; Michelle will keep things running in addition to doing the elementary program after school on Wednesdays. She is using a new curriculum from the Augustine Institute called “Signs of Grace” for First Sacraments that has a parent component as well. Amanda Vanderbeek will be helping teach those sessions. Potluck and Prayer will be starting once a month on Friday nights from 5-7:00 pm with Adoration, Confession, and fellowship. The whole parish is invited.
   2. Care Facilitator: Heidi sent an extensive list of services she has provided and organized over the summer, helping people throughout the community. She is looking for people for this winter to help shovel snow and for friendly visitors. Call her at the parish office if you are able to help. Deacon Don mentioned the Knights of Columbus is a good resource for people.
   3. Liturgy: Father Bill continues to offer Saturday morning Mass at 9:00 am. He is in contact with Kathy Hutar and the choirs about the Advent Prayer Service. There will be additional Reconciliation time during Advent as well. Times will be in the newsletter and bulletin.
   4. Social Concerns: There is an assisted suicide bill hearing happening in Minnesota now. It is called the “End of Life Options Act” that would legalize assisted suicide in Minnesota. This bill endangers the poor, the elderly, and vulnerable adults through its lack of appropriate safeguards. It allows non-physicians to prescribe death-inducing drugs. It does not require patients of the State of Minnesota which will fuel suicide tourism. It will require all doctors who assist those with terminal conditions to advise the patient that assisted suicide is a treatment option. *This bill must be stopped!* October is Respect Life month. A bulletin board will be in the gathering space and church hall along with a bare tree and a playpen to collect donated baby items.
   5. Communications: Pat says the newsletter always welcomes news of the parish.
   6. Evangelization: Due to the people coming from Idaho to help, the retreat formally scheduled for September has been moved to April 24-26, 2020. Longville had the same retreat in Minnesota and Ely is scheduled next. There will be small faith communities formed after the retreat to keep people close to God. Only 40 people can come to the retreat, so we are hoping to have more throughout the Diocese. The weekend of October 25-27, 2019, Father Brandon Moravitz is coming to do the “40 Hours Devotion” mini-retreat.
   7. Parish Mission Statement: To be on the agenda for the next meeting.
4. Old Business:
   1. Distribution of Minutes: Minutes are to be read and approved at the beginning of each meeting, according to Robert’s Rules of Order. Because the Council only meets quarterly and people may not remember exactly what was said three months ago to approve the minutes, the minutes will be sent to the Council as soon as possible after the meeting so members can review them and make any corrections needed. The minutes will be read with original and corrections at the next meeting.
   2. House blessings were mostly done in June but are still ongoing.
5. New Business:
   1. Retreats: October 25-27, 2019, and April 24-26, 2020. See above in Evangelization.
6. Father’s Time:
   1. Father Bill is looking forward to the retreats and Wednesday night faith formation.
7. Next Meeting: TBD
8. Motion to close by Deacon Don; seconded by Deacon Rick. Closed with prayer.
9. Addendum:
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