



PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 18, 2017

Present: Deacon Dan Ackerson, Connie Benko, Tom Carter, Father Cocco, Pat Hearn, Dawn Huss, Deacon Pete Nellius, Susan Ondish, Rose Marie Patin, Bob Wolhar

Rose Marie opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and Deacon Dan offered the opening prayer.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting were approved as published.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Renovations in the Hall are progressing well, and the updates will make the Hall more usable. A decision on installing the current tabernacle in the church in the Hall has not been made, although it may not offer the flexibility as the current one. A stand for the new tabernacle in the Church has been ordered and it may be ready before Christmas. Electronic access to the office and sacristy will be implemented soon, and will require key fobs allowing entrance and also a computer record of entry and exit.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Father reported that the Council is scheduling a meeting, and that the parish is in a financially sound position with a good reserve and balanced investments. The Council decided to make an additional donation to the Diocese of St. Thomas in light of the devastation caused by the recent hurricane.

MINISTRY REPORTS

BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE: There was a discussion regarding the need for handicapped access to the Education Building. Pat Hearn suggested that the motorized chair from the hall to the second level is a good interim solution. Father suggested that the steps into the church need to be evaluated for possible improvement.

LITURGY: The mission being offered by Father Brian Lewis is confirmed for November 12th, 13th and 14th, and will emphasize the stewardships of life, love and joy.

The blessing of the animals on October 1st attracted 25 dogs and one cat.

The Christmas concert has been confirmed for December 10th and will feature the Choir, Kevin O'Brennan, and Mark Teesdale.

Hard covers will be on the new Breaking Bread missalettes for the new liturgical year.

FAMILY LIFE: Susan reported that there may be a Pot Luck social on January 29th.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS: Deacon Dan reported that the new parish web site is still under development and he expects to have it completed before Christmas. Names and individual pictures of parish council members will be included on the web site.

The ministers' meeting will be on October 26th in the church.

Rose Marie has developed a stewardship inventory form for parishioners which will be available on November 12th. The Ministry appreciation event is in the planning stage.

LRAC: There was a discussion regarding the Thrift Shop.

SALT AND LIGHT: Bob reported that the life chain at St. Jude on October 1st drew 25 people. It was suggested that the Respect Life banner in the church be moved outside in order to improve visibility. The Baby Bottle campaign started on September 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a closing prayer by Tom and Father's blessing.

NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carter
Secretary