

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 4, 2018

In Attendance: John Dickhaus (Chairperson), Christina Boss, Sarah Holland, Paul Justice, John Kelly, Patty Pryor, Jeff Racic, Rev. Tim Ralston, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

Absent:

Guest:

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

Faith Formation/Opening Prayer: Sarah Holland began the meeting by reciting a passage from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 4, verses 32-35. The passage related how the community of believers were of one heart and mind. They would sell property and turn over the proceeds to the apostles for distribution.

Sarah Holland mentioned how the early followers of Jesus were of one mind and heart. If someone was in need, they would share. It is a sharp contrast to today's "what's mine is mine" attitude. Christina Boss commented that this theme of sharing fits in well with the season of lent. Giving should hurt a little. It reminded Jeff Racic of the gospel about the woman who made the sincerest sacrifice even though she could only afford a few coins. Patty Pryor stated that we are afraid of what tomorrow will bring so we often hold back but, when we focus on God, that fear goes away.

Sarah Holland concluded the Faith Formation with a prayer thanking God for all that has been given to us and asking us to be of one heart and mind.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 7, 2018 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

Parish Directory: Chairperson Dickhaus informed the members that pictures for the parish directory would take place around the Thanksgiving – Christmas season, starting November 21. The members discussed the use of the on-line application Signup Genius to assist with the scheduling of pictures. A link to the web site can be posted in the bulletin and on the parish web site. For those needing assistance with on-line scheduling, help can be provided after masses.

Sarah Holland will check with Mark and Sylvia about the prior directory development and report back next month. Christian Boss agreed to assist with the scheduling.

Parish Picnic: Since the 2018 Bengals schedule has not yet been released, this agenda item was postponed until the May meeting. A date in September is sought for the event.

75th Anniversary: Chairperson Dickhaus began a discussion about how the parish should celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2019. So far, only a mass with the Archbishop for 11:00 a.m. on June 2, 2019 is scheduled. The members began to discuss the formation of an event committee and they also made suggestions. The goal is to provide an opportunity for all parishioners to participate. Ideas included:

- Presenting a history of the parish
- Providing an opportunity for long-time parishioners to talk about the early days of the parish
- Publishing a book of the parish history
- Creating a commemorative ornament
- Assembling a time capsule
- Having a large outdoor event with hotdogs, hamburgers, refreshments, etc.

School Update: Chairman Dickhaus told the members about:

- Gym doors – Plans are underway to replace existing doors with more secure model.
- P.A. system – A new control box has been installed which should alleviate 90% of the current problems.
- Open House – The March Open House for preschool resulted in positive results.
- School Year - The 2018-19 school year will start the week after Festival this year.

Update Items: Chairperson Dickhaus announced that it appears the hymnals are interacting with the finish on the pews creating random green marks. Chairman Dickhaus is checking with the pew manufacturer to seek a cleaning solution. He is also checking about getting parts for the kneelers.

Fr. Tim announced that:

- First Communion will take place the weekend of April 21-22
- Confirmation is scheduled at the Cathedral with the students of St. Thomas More parish on May 2
- Graduation will be held on May 31.

Pastor's Corner: Fr Tim announced:

- Holy Week services were well attended. There were 8 baptisms and 5 accepted into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.
- He will continue to offer the Sacrament of Penance before the Sunday masses for the time being.

New Business: Sarah Holland asked about Grotto mass. Fr. Tim replied that none are scheduled at this time, but he will work on it.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Note: There was no meeting in March. Also, the meeting originally scheduled for May 2 has been moved to May 9th.

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting Wednesday May 9, 2018</p>

Approved: May 9, 2018