

October Pastoral Council Minutes

Wednesday October 9, 2013

Present: Fr. Bill, Sarah Holland, Angie Tucker, Bev Barnes, Donna Thompson and Mark Zurlinden **Absent:** Paul Justice and Charlie Quehl

Faith Formation: Donna Thompson

Minutes: The September minutes were not received. The minutes will be resent via e-mail and published after review.

Election Update: The revisions to the election process were successful this year in yielding candidates with a clearer understanding of the commitments of Pastoral Council. Council members will need better reminders during next year's election process as to their duties and responsibilities at the weekend Masses. Elections will take place on October 12th & 13th. Mark will distribute the ballots to the Men's CRHP Renewal Weekend Retreat. Bev – 5 o'clock Mass, tbd – 9 o'clock Mass, and Angie and Sarah - 11 o'clock Mass. Next year's election has been set as follows:

Election Announcements: August 23rd & 24th and August 30th & 31st

Nominations at the weekend Masses: September 6th & 7th

Notification of candidates begins: September 8th

Biographies deadline: September 20th

Biographies inserted into the bulletin: September 27th & 28th

Election: October 4th & 5th

Installation Mass of new members: October 11th & 12th

Constitution Review: The format for placing the election process/schedule was decided on. The format will be in table form. Attendance requirements will be stated as: Monthly attendance and participation are expected.

School Report: Communication between the principal and pastor has been very good. The tablets for the upper grades are now working and being utilized. The staff will have a Day of Reflection at the Grotto on Friday. Attendance is above 180. The math curriculum will be evaluated.

Pastor's Corner: Jeanie Stephens, Adult Faith Formation, has requested an update on the pastoral plan.

Virtus training is required of all adult volunteers working with children for one hour or more. Concern was expressed by Bev Thornton in relation to her volunteers for Breakfast with Santa. Fr. Bill clarified the requirements through the Archdiocese. Page 3 of the Decree on Child Protection was referenced numerous times. Virtus training, background check and fingerprinting is required of all volunteers working parish events with children in attendance. Those events include: Festival Kiddie Land, Parish Picnic, and Breakfast with Santa, etc. The Parish Campout has an additional requirement, since it is an overnight event, all adult participants will need Virtus training, background check and fingerprinting.

Council members agreed the Virtus Training is an excellent resource in assuring campus safety for all our children. The training would be beneficial to all adults in raising their awareness to the signs of child abuse.

Parish Voice: The dead tree in the grassy area in front of church needs to be removed. It is scheduled to be replaced in the fall season.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Faith Formation: Sarah Holland