

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 10, 2018

---

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

**Absent:** Paul Justice, Patty Pryor

**Guest:**

-----

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

**Faith Formation/Opening Prayer:** Chairperson John Dickhaus opened the meeting by reading from the gospel of St. Matthew (Matthew 11:25-30). Jesus, after verbally admonishing the towns that had not repented, gave thanks to the Father for hiding his plan to the "wise and learned" and revealing it to Him and the "childlike". He then said to the Disciples: "Come to me all who are burdened and I will give you rest".

Chairperson Dickhaus asked the members to consider what that reading meant to them. Sarah Holland said that it would be nice just to let go of one's burden. Jeff Racic told the members that many of the Jewish people had a difficult time following the Mosaic Law and Jesus offered them an alternative. Fr. Tim indicated that Jesus was one who followed the law, but he was telling the people that salvation was through Christ and that he takes that burden upon himself. John Kelly added that it was not that all complicated-just trust in Jesus. Christina Boss concluded by saying that Jesus giving us rest is so comforting.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 5, 2018 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

**Pastoral Council Election:** Chairperson Dickhaus reminded the members that elections for Pastoral Council would be held this coming weekend (Oct 13-14). Members then agreed to assignments regarding the distribution and collection of ballots.

**Parish Directory Update:** Chairperson Dickhaus informed the members that pictures for the Parish Directory will soon begin. He said that there will be three groups assisting with this project. One group will work on the design for the Directory. Another group will oversee the scheduling of pictures on specified dates (November 21, 23, 24 and December 27, 28, 29). January 21 will serve as a make-up date. A third group will assist with the actual picture taking. Announcements for the sign-ups will begin next weekend followed by a mailing later in October.

**Festival Update:** Chairperson Dickhaus reported that the 2018 Festival netted about \$90,000. This was less than 2017 (\$118,000) but, considering the heavy rain on Friday evening, it was a successful event. He also informed the members that a mailing will be going out to all parishioners concerning the need for festival participation and leadership for future years.

**Parish Anniversary:** Chairperson Dickhaus reminded the members about the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass to be held at the 11:00 a.m. on Sunday June 2, 2019. Archbishop Schnurr will preside at this mass. A picnic event will take place afterwards. Members of Pastoral Council will assist with the picnic.

**Computer Issues:** Fr. Tim updated the members on the recent failure of the Parish Office computer server. The mass intentions were lost in the failure. Additional internal controls have been implemented to better secure data.

**Pastor's Corner:** Fr. Tim told the members that:

- The Youth Ministry program (CREW) will begin on October 21 for those of middle school ages. A special blessing for the core team will occur at the 11:00 a.m. mass on October 14.
- The Pastoral Council members will receive a blessing at the 9 am mass on Sunday October 21.
- Olive wood carvings from the Holy Land will be available for purchase after masses on October 27-28.
- There will be an Advent Penance Service at St. Bernadette on December 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be in conjunction with St. Thomas More parish.
- On December 4<sup>th</sup>, the second graders will receive their First Reconciliation.
- The RCIA/RCIC programs has three adults, one couple, and three children so far. One other adult may join soon.

**School Update:** Chairperson Dickhaus has been in contact with the architectural firm (SHP) regarding upgrades to the School restrooms. More information will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

**Upcoming Events:** Chairperson Dickhaus reminded the members of the:

- Golf outing scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Adult Halloween dance scheduled for Saturday October 20.
- Kids Halloween party scheduled for Sunday October 21.

**New Business:** The meeting was open for new business. Jeff Racic suggested that a financial presentation may be useful in helping parishioners understand the financial condition of the parish. He also mentioned that having a meeting or discussion about the recent priest abuse scandal may be useful. Fr. Tim informed the members that there have been no new cases of priest abuse in the Archdiocese. It would appear that the steps taken by the Archdiocese seem to be working. Jeff Racic indicated that it is best to be pro-active in addressing the issue.

**Thanks:** The members thanked Patty Pryor and Paul Justice for their service to the Council over the past three years.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday November 7, 2018**

Approved: 11/7/2018