

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 5, 2018

In Attendance: John Dickhaus (Chairperson), Christina Boss, Sarah Holland, Paul Justice, John Kelly, Jeff Racic, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Rev. Tim Ralston, Patty Pryor

Guest:

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

Faith Formation/Opening Prayer: Sarah Holland recited a prayer thanking God for the many gifts provided to us and asking Him to help everyone share those gifts to help spread His word.

The prayer was followed by a reading from the Letter of James 2:1-5. In this letter, he instructs the followers of Jesus to show no partiality to anyone – treating the man with fine clothes the same as the man with shabby clothes. He says that God chose the poor to be rich in faith and heirs the kingdom of heaven.

Sarah Holland then asked the members to consider what we can do, other than just saying “hello”, to include those who may feel like outsiders to help strengthen our community and live up to our motto - All Are Welcomed? Jeff Racic told the members that the reading reminded him of St. Bernadette, a downtrodden little girl that no one believed at first. John Kelly reminded the members that the externals are not that important. Christina Boss said that there is an element of evil design when we make distinctions and that all should be valued equally. John Kelly mentioned that he believed that the efforts to make sure those completing the RCIA stay connected were commendable.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 24, 2018 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

Upcoming Events: Chairperson Dickhaus updated the members on the preparations for the annual parish picnic to be held on Sunday September 16 starting at 2:00 PM. Members accepted assignments to acquire food (hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, cheese), condiments (mustard, ketchup), refreshments (iced tea, lemonade), as well as paper plates, cups, napkins, and table cloths. Members also volunteered to assist in the preparation of the food.

Pastoral Council Election: Chairperson Dickhaus briefly reviewed the approved calendar for the upcoming Pastoral Council election. Members volunteered to distribute nomination forms after all masses this weekend (September 8-9). Afterwards, the nominations will be listed on a spreadsheet, screened for eligibility, distributed to members for contacting.

Festival Update: Chairperson Dickhaus reported that the 2018 Festival should net about \$80,000. The first night of the Festival saw a decrease in attendance due to rain.

New Business: Chuck Cullen updated the members on the status of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign. He reported that as of June 30th, the parish had exceeded its original goal of \$580,000. From that point forward, the parish will realize a greater percentage of collections to that campaign.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next Meeting - Wednesday October 3, 2018

Approved: October 10, 2018