

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2016

Present at the meeting were Fr. Metz, Members: Luke Hood, Susan Hubert, Brent Phillips, Tammy Zimmerman, Amy Jackson, Cheryl Madden, Jeff Buckley, Bernard Newell, Carrie Williams; Steve Nyswonger was absent. Diane Leif and LaDonna Peltier were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hood at 7:34 p.m. followed with an opening prayer by Fr. Metz.

The agenda was amended to add Mardi Gras and follow-up discussion on music. Upon motion and second the agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes of November meeting we approved as submitted.

Reports from Councils and Organizations were received:

Finance Council minutes for November were received. Additional discussion on landscape project underway. Handout with Bazaar final figures was distributed.

Altar Society: Sue reported the meals were served. The football banquet was down in numbers. All was good.

K of C report: Fr Metz had nothing to report

Religious Education- Carrie Williams expanded on her outlook on the Deep program. No additional information received from Lindy, who is scheduled to be at the January meeting.

Old Business- no items listed under old business for this month.

New Business-

1. Annual calendar discussion. There is a Staff meeting in June when the parish calendar is established from July to July. We need to add the religious ed calendar details to the parish calendar to include Bazaar, Steubenville, March for Life, Pray and Action and any other activities. Discussed the desire to have the year calendar posted in the connecting link for availability. Can this calendar be automated (similar to Facebook)? There is a need for organization to get as much as we can on the calendar and then get it posted for parish.
2. Parish commissions: scheduled activities was covered in calendar discussion.
3. Social gatherings after mass. Idea of one or two families personally inviting the parishioners to join them after mass for... If we could get this started similar to the cleaning of the church it would not be a burden to any one person. The personal invite could have a bigger impact.
4. Fund raising was discussed with Diane and LaDonna. Their concerns are that the baskets are not really raising money at bazaar. Looking for feedback and guidance from council because they take advantage of post-Christmas sales. After many ideas the direction was to forget baskets for next bazaar.

Other fund raising ideas:

Mardi Gras

Mini Fallfest geared toward kids- bouncy equipment, hot dogs, a fair atmosphere

Guest speaker-charge for admission (comedian, cooking, dynamic personality)

Add a meal to the guest speaker night

Seminarians-tap into their talent

Change up the Bazaar – serve food buffet style with more choices. Bingo could be going on at same time in hall, auction items rather than silent auction and 3 to 4 baskets.

Have a craft event

Revisit the western barn event

5. Mardi Gras- we are going to attempt to get started again. Amy will chair along with Carrie as first mate. Make it simple but nice. Emphasis the purpose is to gather, enjoy AND RAISE FUNDS.
6. Music discussion follow-up- Council appreciates the role Glenda plays. Better understanding of what goes into the music selection. Did not feel Glenda understood the concern and interest in selecting songs that make you leave Mass humming. No additional information was available concerning acoustics in church.

Items to be included in Jan meeting:

1. Calendar
2. Meal for Deep signup
3. Mardi Gras update/progress

Next meeting January 9, 2017 @ 7:30 p.m. Adjournment with prayer by Fr. Metz.

Submitted by Cheryl Madden