**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

September 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

The Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chuck.

Members present: Fr. Chuck, Dcn. John, Dcn. Jerry, Steve Browning (by phone), Genny Cretella, Al Duke, Mic Griben, Rick Heiland, Keith Huffer (by phone), Doug Koch, Gloria Murray,

Members absent: Terri Horrigan

Guest – Chris Jones

Minutes approval: The minutes of June 1, 2021, were approved unanimously on a motion by Mic, seconded by Gloria. The minutes of August 3, 2020, were approved unanimously on a motion by Mic, seconded by Doug.

Reading of communications

 There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s report

We launched the “3 in 1 Initiative”. Parishioners are being asked to sign up to invite 3 people to one event over the next year.

The “40 days for Life” program will be starting up on September 22 and will end on October 1. The parish is responsible for staffing the 6 Saturdays in that period.

 The “40 hours” program will be later in October.

 Roof of parish center completed. Only one piece of plywood needed to be replaced. During the recent heavy rain we saw no leaks. The same company will bid on the parish office and Sappington Hall.

 We will have the mortgage shredding at the beginning of the picnic.

Committee reports

Bicentennial (2023) - Gloria

 Minutes were sent out to everyone. There will be a balloon arch at entrance to parish center and tied to the railings on the walk down from the church. There will be a meeting next Tuesday. The subcommittees will be meeting in the next few weeks as necessary and will report back to January meeting of the Bicentennial Committee.

                 Education - Genny

Elementary Faith Formation:

-Had movie night, have another one scheduled for late September

-Faith formation and Children's Liturgy of the Word start September 19th

-About 24 students preparing for First Reconciliation

  Youth Ministry:

-Summer ministry just finished

-Core team met to finalize youth ministry schedule, also had a day retreat (August 28th) at the Seton Shrine

-Youth ministry is having a parent night on September 16th, then starts with a social night on September 19th

-REAL (Rebuilding and Evangelizing Around Libertytown) occurred the last week of July, completing 6 projects

                 Evangelization

 Remains in abeyance.

                 Finance – Mic

The next meeting will be September 28th at 7 PM.

                 Health and Safety

 Terri not here

Fr Chuck says the safety inspection with the will be done soon. The risk management assessment, with participation from the diocese, the Sheriff’s Office, Ryan, and Fr. Chuck will be done next month.

                 Hospitality

 Remains in abeyance.

                 Liturgy – Dcn. John

 The next meeting will be September 13.

                 Maintenance - Doug

 He is asking Ryan if there are projects that people can do. Ryan is looking into it

 Dcn. John notes the brick to right of door going up the steps from 75 is a problem; the mortar is failing and needs to be repaired by winter otherwise it will crack.

            Planning – Keith

Will be scheduling a meeting in October, before planning day.

 Planning day will be 23 Oct , 9 to noon.

Everyone is to go back to their committees and get goals, accomplishments, and proposed budget requirement. Please send them to all before the meeting.

 By consensus the November meeting of the Pastoral Council is cancelled.

                 Social Concerns – Dcn. Jerry

 The next committee meeting will be in November.

 The coat campaign beginning. The Poor Box donations on the weekends of September 25/26 and October 2/3 will go towards this campaign.

 The Food Pantry needs volunteers to help out.

 The committee just did a disbursement of funds to charitable organizations, See the Social Concerns minutes for this information.

                 Vocations

 Vocation giving tree has been completed; everyone was very generous as usual.

 Contact Stephanie before Pastoral Council meetings for information regarding the Vocations Committee.

Old business

Parish picnic final details

 Gloria notes Terri will do the picking up of food, etc.

If you are able to assist with setting up and the prep work for the picnic, please come to the Parish Center on Saturday from 3-5.

Terri noted that 3 servers and 2 people to do the drinks were needed. Assistance is needed in the kitchen on Sunday and also for cleanup.

 The Knights will grill hot dogs and corn and will make funnel cakes.

 The slide is ordered.

 Young people will be there to help. Stephanie is in charge of the games.

Committee assignments

 There are openings for people on some of the committees. Please consider volunteering for that if you are able. As noted, Doug and Rick will manage the Maintenance Committee.

Parish Council annual planning meeting

 The meeting will be October 23, from 9 AM to noon.

New business

 None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Genny and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is October 5, 2021.

Closing prayer: Deacon John.

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved @ October 5, 2021, Pastoral Council Meeting.