

St. Paul's Pastoral Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2019

Opening: Father Joseph read Parish Mission Statement and gave opening prayer and read of the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Present: Father Joseph, Virginia, Rick M., Doug, Cathy, Denise C., Luz, June & Gary, Eileen, Scott, Juanita, Patsy, Brian & Nicola

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved and handed out to all in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

Rel. Ed. LifeTeen- Cathy inquired about Religious Education Expense amount that was listed in the recent Annual Financial Report for Religious Education. The concern was that the amount was extremely high. Doug advised the total amount captures 5 major expense categories within Religious Education. Also, advised that the format of the annual report reads as directed by the Diocese. And recommended for detailed breakdown of the expenses that could be provided by the bookkeeper.

Cathy stated the recent Teen ACTs Retreat went well. Positive comments were noted in the retreat evaluations. Friendships were developed between retreatants of St. Paul and Mount Carmel . Cathy also, thanked the ministries for providing the meals throughout the Retreat for a significant cost savings. Being that St. Paul's lead the retreat it incurred most of the costs.

Cathy plans are to have Youth Ministry volunteer in assisting with work efforts for victims of Harvey. She will contact Deacon Longoria for activities scheduled September 28th.

Cathy advised of the upcoming various events and fundraisers planned for the 2019-2020 school year. In 2020, Teen ACTS Retreat is scheduled June 18th thru June 21st and Steubenville to be scheduled either before or after the Teen ACTS Retreat weekend.

For the upcoming Fall Fest scheduled October 6th Cathy advised getting youth to help out and that Cherie & Oscar are available to help as well.

Parish: Concerns were raised about some rooms found unlocked after hours posing a safety issue for staff or volunteers conducting business after hours. Also, mentioned was that restrooms located in the atrium area that are not equipped with exterior locks. Another matter

of concern is that too many keys have been issued over time and there's no clear record of who has access to what.

To this, Doug future plans are to get a card reader system installed as well as some type of video surveillance system to help address noted issues/concerns.

Luz raised matter of non-working phone in the chapel. Vendor has come out several times to service, but even with new upgraded lines the issue remains.

Door change for Catholic Charities is planned during the upcoming new building project.

Father Joseph: announced Holy Hour with Praise and Music on Monday evenings from at 7pm thru 8 pm. A special invitation for our teens to come and place their worries, anxieties or troubles that they're struggling with before the blessed sacrament with Benediction to follow at 8:15pm. In addition, beginning in September invitation to all teens to come to the hall Saturday mornings from 10am to noon for fun and for any help needed with homework. Light snacks to be provided. Further discussed was to use another room such as Room A for a friendlier and welcoming environment for everyone there.

Ministry Fair date changed from September 1st to the weekend of Sept. 7th & 8th after all weekend masses in order to reach more parishioners offering them opportunity to join any one of the many ministries at St. Paul's.

On First Friday, at the Anointing Mass towards the end of Benediction, all those present are invited to come to touch the Monstrance to pray for healing either for our own self or for others, especially for our loved one(s).

Further, Father announced his upcoming vacation. Going to Canada for his sister's 25th year anniversary. September 15th is Catechetical Sunday a SOLT priest will do Commissioning of Catechists.

Upcoming holidays and mass times:

- October 4th is the Feast of Saint Francis- blessing of pets and contest of best dressed and best is scheduled Saturday morning at 10am
- First Friday- November 1st Holy Day of Obligation-All Saints Day Mass time is @ 7pm
- 1st Saturday-November 2nd following the 8am Mass blessing of gravesites at Duncan Cemetery will take place
- November 28th is Thanksgiving Mass time is 10 am
- November 29th Mass will be 7pm (no 8 am Mass)
- December 8th Commissioning Mass for Women's Acts Retreat at the 11am Mass- Lawanda Skrobarczyk is the Director and in process of assigning Co-Director.

Knights sponsoring Movie Knight for all parishioners before school year begins.

Father informed that Andrew Reyes, our music director, possible move to San Antonio for a job offer there. Considering, getting Able Garcia Jr., Meddie Barrera, and Steve Cortinas to replace should Andrew decide to go.

Per the Diocese, Parishioner attendance counts begin the weekend of September 7th & 8th at all weekend masses through the end of November. Knights have been tasked with doing this and will work with the ushers to assist with this project.

The ground breaking of the new Religious Education building is October 1st. Bishop Mulvey will be here for the ceremony. Time is 9:30 a.m.

Proposed next Pastoral Council Meeting October 17th.

Meeting closed with prayer by Father.