

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05
The Opening Prayer was led by Father Chuck

Members Present:

Fr. Chuck, Deacon John, Deacon Jerry, Deacon Mike, Rick Heiland, Terri Horrigan, Steve Browning, Olusola Falodun, Robyn Jacobs, Doug Koch, Gloria Murray,

Members Absent: Cris Upperman, Mic Griben, Al Duke

Minutes

After revisions were made and clarified, A motion to approve the October minutes was given by Steve Browning and seconded by Doug Koch. It was approved unanimously.

Communications

There were no communications relating to the Pastoral Council.

Pastor's Report

- Christmas in the Country is Saturday, November 11th.
- Reorganization of Archdiocese – an invitation for the Archdiocese's webinar, **Chapter 11 Reorganization for the Archdiocese of Baltimore: An Information Session** was passed along to the Council and members of the Council were encouraged to attend one of the three webinars.
- Two attorneys were hired by the Archdiocese to help in this reorganization. An ad hoc committee of archdiocesan pastors has been developed to research individual parish retainers to fund this endeavor. This parish expenditure will be funded by investments/savings. It will not be funded by weekly envelope/contributions.
- The parcel along North Street was assessed, and neighbor, Mr. Wilson will be contacted with an appropriate buying price.

Bicentennial Committee – Presented by Gloria Murray

- Books and ornaments will be sold at CITC. We have approximately 50 ornaments left to sell.

Education Committee – Presented by Terri Horrigan

Elementary Religious Education – Stacy Wright

- Trunk or Treat was October 28th. There were only 5 families who attended, but those who attended had a great time! The "Paint a Pumpkin" was enjoyed by all, and it really felt like a coming together of our community.
- October 29th – The 5th grade Faith Formation children saints. They researched one to act out to preK-4th grade students. All the children enjoyed the activity.
- First Reconciliation was November 4th and there were 31 students.

- Night in Bethlehem, Advent Adventure is on Dec. 9th. Stacy is looking for volunteers.

Youth Ministry – Kevin Parker

- We have started serving meals before some of our Sunday evening ANCHOR/EDGE gatherings to help build community. Groups of 3 families volunteer to provide and prepare the meals. There have been two such meals so far, attended by 70 to 80 students and families.
- Service weekend last month: 14 dozen cookies baked for Viva House, Food Pantry organizing, church undercroft cleanout and organizing, Thrift Shop shed ramp replaced with gravel pad
- Cemetery Walk at Seton Shrine last Sunday: 72 students and family members attended
- ANCHOR Fall retreat was Nov 3-5 at Summit Lake, 49 students and adults attended.
- Fundraising for Nation Catholic Youth Conference is November 16-19 and 8 teens, Fr Chuck, and 2 chaperones will attend.

Adult Education – Carolyn Nolan

- RCIA - has 3 candidates
- Church Chat - has been meeting on Sunday mornings for the past 5 weeks with varying numbers of participants. We view videos on Eucharistic topics and have small and large group discussions.
- Rosary Rally - held on October 6 with about 50 people in attendance
- Encounter Nights with Jesus on 4th Wednesday of each month - first event had about 25 people present for adoration and confession
- Bible Study on Wednesday AM and PM continues to meet weekly as we study *What We Believe*

Finance Committee

There was nothing to report

Health and Safety Committee- Presented By Rick Heiland

Meeting was on September 26th

- A contact was given to the H & S Committee to fix the church entrance doors. These doors are custom doors which is making it difficult to find a company that will take the job and fix the doors.
- Deacon Mike has been asked to help implement the security system.
- Next meeting is Dec 19th.

Liturgy Committee – Presented by Gloria Murray

- All Souls Mass went very well and was very well received
- Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Thanksgiving Day.
- Next meeting is Monday, November 13th

Maintenance Committee – Presented by Doug Koch

- Food Pantry stairs are being renovated.
- We are surveying the middle section of the cemetery.

Social Concerns Committee – Presented by Robyn Jacobs

- Funding for coats was down this year. Approximately 600 coats were purchased and distributed.
- Sixteen families will be a part of the 2023 giving tree. The tree will be active the weekend before Thanksgiving. Gifts are due back to the church by December 17th and distributed on December 22nd with their holiday meals.
- Next meeting is on November 16th.

Vocations Committee – Presented by Steve Browning
Nothing to report

Old Business

Revising the Bi laws is on hold due to the death of Al Duke. The executive council will meet after Al's records have been obtained and reviewed.

New Business

Doug asked if we have a welcoming committee for new parishioners. Currently, the greeters at each Mass are welcoming new parishioners to St. Peter's. No official welcoming committee has been established.

Adjournment

Gloria made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 7 PM in the Birch Library.

Deacon Mike led the closing prayer.

Approved by the Council at its December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Horigan, 12/5/23

Secretary