**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

December 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

The Opening Prayer was led by Father Chuck.

Members Present: Fr. Chuck, Deacon John, Rick Heiland, Al Duke, Olusola Falodun, Mic Griben, Terri Horrigan, Doug Koch, Gloria Murray, Ryan Reid, Samantha Reid, Cris Upperman

Members Absent: Deacon Jerry, Steve Browning

Minutes

The minutes of November 2022 were approved on a motion by Mic, seconded by Ryan, and by a vote of 9-0.

Reading of communications

There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

The Christmas concert will be held on December 18, to be followed by a live Nativity.

Stacy has an event this Saturday, Miracle of Jesus Advent Journey; 55 youths have signed up for this program.

Christmas Masses, 2 on Saturday, then Midnight Mass, and 2 on Christmas Day. Note the special times for Mass on Christmas Day (Sunday) are 9 and 11 AM.

We passed the audit. Overall we did very well. They had to work hard to find things we were doing incorrectly.

Christmas in the Country financials are not complete at this time, Preliminarily, it looks like we did reasonably well. Father and the Pastoral Council expressed an appreciative thank you to all who helped. During a discussion of the event, it was suggested that we might advertise in Howard and Montgomery Counties next year. One thought expressed by participants in the auction was that it might be better to hold it in person rather than online. Overall, things went very well.

Committee Reports

Bicentennial (2023)

Gloria noted that the Committee did well at Christmas in the Country. All the Archdiocesan history books are now gone. Deacon John disposed of the last few books.

The ornaments are going well.

Virginia Grant is heading up the Fall Event on Saturday, 10/7/23 at Dutch’s Daughter. We are planning on 200 people. The meal will be a buffet and a DJ has already been reserved.

The Anniversary Mass will be on 9/24/23.

The Bicentennial Bash will be like the picnic this year, but with hoped for better weather we might be able to get jousters to display that competition. There will be some special additions to the menu. Michael Riley is heading this up.

We have been talking about the proposed bench and park area were discussed. Ryan volunteered to head up the brick campaign.

Our next meeting is next Tuesday at the Parish Center.

Education

Terri had the following report on our education programs.

Stacy Wright –

* Saturday 12/10 – “Miracle of Jesus Advent Journey” – 55 children are signed up to attend.
* Faith Formation classes are going strong
* Celebrated Saint Nicholas last Sunday
* Will be celebrating with the Jesse Tree for the entire month of December

Kevin Parker –

* Live Nativity is 12/18 after the Christmas Concert.
* Last ANCHOR/EDGE evening for this year is this Sunday 12/11
* Will start the New Year off with a family potluck dinner on 1/8/23
* Planning to hold formation days for peer ministers and core team in January & February

Carolyn Nolan – nothing to report this month

Evangelization (remains in abeyance)

Finance

Mic said the committee had not met and no meeting was scheduled at this time.

Health and Safety

Rick said the committee met on October 22. They discussed installing a Ring- Camera at the back door of the Adoration Chapel. It was thought that the price would be about $800. We need info on installation and warranty.

Regarding additional sign(s) for the Route 75 crosswalk, discussions with the State Highway Administration indicated that there might be a liability issue. So for the time being this is a no-go. However it is possible to have a movable sign in the middle of the road.

The Libertytown Community Civic Association is requesting the parish have a representative on the committee.

The committee is looking into the possibility of having a State Police trooper at the crosswalk during Mass times and for major events. We need to identify the cost for this.

Ryan Daniely is talking with the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department regarding creating a response plan for the committee.

Liturgy

Deacon John noted the Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception are at 7 PM on Dec 7 (Vigil Mass) and 8 AM on Dec 8.

Confessions at St. Peter’s are on Tuesday, 12/20, from 3-5 PM and 6:30-8 PM.

The Masses on January 1 will be 8 and 11 AM as usual.

Deacons John and Jerry will hold a parish ministry retreat on Saturday, February 4, with Mass at 8 AM and breakfast and the retreat from 9-noon.

Maintenance

Doug had nothing to report

Planning

The committee will meet in the new year.

Social Concerns

Deacon Jerry took care of the usual donations before he left on vacation.

Vocations

Nothing to report

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mic and seconded by Terri, and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Closing prayer: Fr. Chuck

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at January 3, 2023, Pastoral Council meeting.