**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

October 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

The Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chuck.

Members Present: Fr. Chuck, Deacon John, Deacon Jerry, Steve Browning, Al Duke, Mic Griben, Rick Heiland, Terri Horrigan, Doug Koch, Ryan Reid, Cris Upperman

Members Absent: Gloria Murray, Samantha Reid

Minutes

The minutes of May and August, 2022, were approved as amended, on a motion by Mic, seconded by Doug, and by a vote of 7-0.

Reading of communications

There were no communications to report.

Pastor’s Report

The Archdiocesan Audit is now going on. A preliminary report was delivered today, noting nothing big, mostly procedural matters.

Christmas in the Country will be held on Saturday, November 12. Regarding vendors, Sappington Hall is full, the Parish Center is about half full, and 2 opted for the pavilion. The meal price will have to go up due to the increases in food prices.

The Blessing of Animals was done.

This year 9 new priests and 8 new deacons will be ordained. This is excellent news.

Committee Reports

Bicentennial (2023)

The picnic on September 11 was a very successful event, even without the outside games due to the rain. The counter showed 325 attendees and there were certainly more than that. The $100 Club is up and running; there is some confusion related to the name ($100 tickets?) and a more informative name will be chosen. The Historical Committee display in the Narthex has been well received and the articles will be running in the bulletin and on the website for the next year.

Education

Samantha reports that Stacy noted:

* Classes started last Sunday.
* Sacramental prep has begun with the retreat this month.
* The first RIC will be in November.
* Trunk or treat will be held on October 30.

Terri reported that Carolyn noted:

* RICA began on October 2. There is one catechumen and one candidate this year.
* The Women of Faith group met for the first time in September. Thirty women registered. The group will meet monthly and is reflecting on *The Supreme Vocation of Women According to Pope John Paul II*. Women are looking for fellowship; to deepen their faith journey and understanding of the Catholic faith; and support in their vocational roles.
* Adult Study began in September on *Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell*. There are 39 participants.
* Baptism and Marriage Preparation sessions are on-going as needed.
* Praying the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary and Benediction will be offered in the church on Friday, October 7, at 7 PM as part of the Apostolate of the Lay Dominicans.

Kevin noted that the total of Middle School and High School students is above 70.

Evangelization (remains in abeyance)

Finance

Mic reported that there was a small surplus in FY 2022. The Committee reviewed the financial status of the parish and reported that the parish is in good financial shape. A report will be given to the parishioners on an upcoming Sunday.

We are still waiting for the check from MDOT for the replacement of the doors and bollards.

There was an email discussion regarding lighting for the crosswalk.

The FEMA grant of $93,000 for security on campus was not approved. The next round of grants will begin at the first of the year and we will again apply for it.

Liturgy

The minutes are out. There will not be a vigil Mass for All Saints Day; the Masses will be at 8 AM and 7 PM. Masses for Christmas will be Saturday at 4 and 7 and Sunday at midnight, 9 and 11.

There will be a Ministry Fair next year.

The next meeting is November 14.

Maintenance

The porches on the Parish Office and Parish Center were painted. The Parish Center cupola was cleaned and painted. It looks very nice.

The next big project is the interior work on the Parish Office.

Planning

The committee will meet after the first of the year.

Social Concerns

The committee did not meet in September as planned.

One of the concerns of the committee is the Our Daily Bread program. The numbers of participants is down and we would like to bring that number back up.

Rice Bowls will be distributed again this year.

Vocations

Nothing to report

Old Business

The Council’s Planning Day meeting will be held in March.

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 7:55 PM. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 1, 2022. (*Note: The meeting was postponed to November 8 due to a conflict with the Mass for All Saints Day. AED*)

Closing prayer: Deacon Jerry

Submitted by A. Duke, Secretary

Approved at November 8, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting.