

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020

Call to order @ 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Fr. Chuck Wible

Call the Roll:

Members Present: Al Duke, John Fer, Mic Griben, Terri Horrigan, Alma Huffer, Keith Huffer, Deacon Jerry Jennings, Chris Jones, Deacon John Martin, Gloria Murray, Stephanie Rubeling, Fr. Chuck Wible

Members Absent: Anita Gill, Steve Browning

Minutes Approval: Minutes will be approved during the March Meeting.

Reading of Communications: With no further changes to the thank you letter to the Ladies Club, the letter will be sent.

Pastor's Report: There is an opportunity to expand the cemetery. One acre of land will be donated in exchange for two grave sites.

Committee Reports:

- Bicentennial 2023 – Laura Nisonger is working on plans for an art contest, Gloria Murray is working on the parish cook book, Al Duke is doing the archival research. It was suggested that an email address specifically for the Bicentennial be set up. It was also suggested that contact be made with past students of the school, to include them in the celebration.
- Education – Nothing new to report. There will be a meeting in February with first communion parents. Almost 40 teens participated in the March for Life, and 40 participated in the Mount 2000 annual retreat. 350 Superbowl subs were sold.
- Evangelization – Meet in March
- Finance – pretty well on track, slight overrun. Mortgage will probably be paid off this fiscal year.
- Health and Safety – A safety presentation was given by Steve Mason, retired Secret Service, the overview covered area to be aware of. New Dusk to Dawn street lights on either side of the church have been installed. The Church has joined Libertytown and signed a letter to the county to add sidewalks up to the church.
- Hospitality – Stephanie Rubeling volunteered to be liaison. Working on the Evan Ponton reception in June. The theme of the reception will be the same as the theme for VBS.
- Liturgy – Met on 13 January and reviewed the Advent and Christmas seasons. Rolling into Lent, Ash Wednesday February 26, stations Friday after mass at 9 am and 7 pm. March 9 next meeting.
- Maintenance – Flower Committee would like the front door to the rectory painted. Doors in the parish center have been replaced, still need to do little fixes, e.g. add weather stripping.
- Planning – Meets next Thursday at 4 PM. Working on the 2021 Capital Reserve Budget plan.
- Social Concerns – Sister Parish discussion was held. The Social Concerns committee feels that we should select the Divine Mercy Parish of Allegany County (includes churches in Frostburg, Grantsville, Midland and Westernport). First step would be for Fr. Wible to contact Fr. Hendrix, second step would be for the parish councils to connect.
- Vocations – NTR.

Old Business:

- Archbishop Lori letter – With no further changes to the letter of support, it will be signed and sent.

New Business:

- None

Adjournment: @ 7:52 PM

Closing prayer: Deacon John Martin

Submitted by C. Jones, Secretary

Approved @ 3 March 2020 Pastoral Council Meeting.