

MINUTES OF THE September 21, 2017
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. MARY'S CHURCH-6:30 P.M.

In attendance: M. Colombo, R. Robinson, J. Bacon, P. Moses, B. Sawyer, D. Barton, M. Guerin, and E. Kiley,

Finance Council Representation: K. Smullen

Staff in attendance: D. Blackwell, & R. Smith.

Guest: Marla Blackwell

I. Prayer

Fr. Morse opened the meeting with a prayer.

II. Approval of Minutes

David moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Bill. The minutes were approved with one abstention.

III. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Communication:** Mary reported that Dave Guthro will present "Communication as a Tool for Evangelization" On October 26 at St. Martha's Church. We will invite the parishes in our vicariate to join us.
The new brochure on the opportunities for stewardship (time and talent) have been assembled professionally copied
Fr. Fred informed the council that Mark Reeth has agreed to serve as Director of Communication. This will be a 10 hour position. He will work with Kurtis on the website and Facebook and with Diane on the bulletin. Everyone will send him all the information and he will edit and proof the bulletin. Lisa White will assume the responsibility of the choir at Christmas and Easter. Lisa will also try to have a monthly participation of the choir alternating sites.
- b. **Parish Picnic:** The Parish picnic was a success with over 300 people attending. This was definitely intergenerational.
- c. **Young Adult:** Beth announced that the committee had lost a couple of members, but have collected emails they will communicate with to invite new members. Fr. Fred suggested surveying parents to see what they want. Suggestion of including kids tables at events. The Knights of Columbus in Wells are now hosting a Brunch like the St. Martha's Knights. Try to schedule events that will accommodate young working families.
- d. **Cash Calendar:** Bill Sawyer handed out a detailed report of the Cash Calendar fund raiser. They took in \$11, 389.00 and deducting costs and winner funds, the parish should net about \$5,000. A discussion followed on how and when to do the Cash Calendar.
- e. **Fund Raiser Guidelines:** The fund raiser criteria were reviewed. All the fundraising events need to be approved by the pastor in writing. There is to be only one fundraiser at a time with no

exceptions. Approved announcement will be permitted before Mass by the Cantor. Bill will update the fundraising criteria.

- f. **We Share:** Fr. Fred reported that this weekend, (Sept. 23 &24) the front of the bulletin will have the We Share information and this notice will also be in the announcements before Mass. He will try to push it again around Columbus Weekend. So far, there is good participation.

IV. New Business

- A. **Groups meeting at St. Mary or St. Martha Churches regularly:** Fr. stated that he is sending a letter to groups that hold events during Mass Time, especially on the Holy Days, for example Ash Wednesday. A discussion followed.
- B. **Meeting Calendar:** The current meeting calendar, the Pastoral Council will meet every other month. Mary proposed and asked for recommendation on having a book read on the alternate month. These would be considered “unofficial” meetings. Mary suggested that the first book be “Making Intentional Disciples.” All thought this would be a good idea. Also proposed was having a standard regular opening and closing prayer. All approved.
- C. **Parish Directory:** There followed a discussion on updating the current parish directory which is seven years old. Members will look into companies who might do this.
- D. **Diocesan Pastoral Council Update:** Mary reported that she would have loved to take the whole council to this convocation. There were over 3,000 people present. There were amazing keynote speakers with a focus on evangelization. She said she will put a power point together to share with everyone.
- E. **Catholic Charities:** A discussion followed on the different programs of Catholic Charities.
- F. **CLI and Disciple Maker Index:** Discussed were the council goals for the year. Mary described how we went through parish meeting, collecting survey information. She explained that the Disciple Maker Index will involve detailed parish survey and these will give the council more insight to the parish needs. Fr. Fred recounted that he would like to have special liturgical celebration such as All Saints Day and/or Pentecost involve children and families. Another goal is increasing activities for young families.

The meeting adjourned with closing prayer 8:20p.m.

The next official meeting will be November 16 at 6:30 at St. Martha.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosanne L. Smith