

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
August 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Troy Weis, Sandra Cruz, Kathleen Dobbler, Martha Cucco, Maureen Redmer and Lois Maywald. Troy called the meeting to order at 6:40, and led the opening prayer. Motion was made by Kathleen and seconded by Sandra to accept the minutes of the June meeting.

FATHER JIM said the Goodbye Party held for John Baumgartner on Sunday was a success. His parents were there and thoroughly enjoyed it. John will come back to do a Mass of Thanksgiving. The tentative date is in August of 2017. He will be ordained a deacon in Rome on September 29th and his ordination as a priest will be July 22, 2017. Council members are thinking of getting a bus to go to the service in July.

Judi asked that staff look at the three month period when the church will be closed for the renovation. A list of meetings was presented showing where they will take place during that time.

FALL FESTIVAL: Martha said a group of people have been meeting and taking on each facet of the preparations. The festival will be September 25. She said the lawn signs are missing. Sandra said they were stored in the garage. Laura is making a banner to go in the front of the church. Sandra also mentioned that the Hispanic community would like to make some food, possibly tacos.

Martha said they are working on a new program called "Sign Up Genius." It is a program where volunteers can sign up by e-mail rather than having sign-up posters in the entry. They will also be reminded by e-mail of what they volunteered to do.

175th ANNIVERSARY: Greg had presented prices for our dinner from Geneva National. Sandra has prices from Hawks View. She will e-mail the information to Troy. The Riviera was also mentioned, but there is no convenient parking. Troy made a motion that we approve use of Hawks View pending receiving the per person price from Sandra for Hawks View. Maureen seconded the motion and it passed. We will hold the dinner on a Sunday in August of 2017. We would like Archbishop Listecky to do the dedication of the church at a bilingual mass at 4:00, then have the dinner following.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE LEADERSHIP GATHERING: Several council members have registered to go to this event. Those who cannot go on either day would like a report at our next meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL: The Archdiocese has recommended that we join this council. It was decided that it was not timely for us at the present. We will investigate it for next year.

DEANERY ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES: The next meeting is in October, here at St. Francis. Fr. Jim said he will attend. Kathleen and Sandra will be our representatives for the year.

YEAR OF MERCY: We have been asked for pictures of our activities for the next Deanery meeting. Kathleen and Martha said they have some. They should be e-mailed to Kathleen and she will send them to Barbara Sheer.

BASEMENT CLEANUP: Kathie Murray has asked each committee to help clean up the basement storage rooms so things can be stored there during the renovation.

FR. JIM said he received an e-mail from St. Ben's asking about getting together in September for a joint meeting. It was decided to have it on our regular meeting night, September 28, and have our council meeting the week before on September 21st. We would like to have it at St. Francis and we discussed providing the snacks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Human Concerns: Kathleen read the minutes of their August 9 meeting. The second collection over the July 4th weekend netted close to \$2000. Roberta Kuhfuss reported that she and her husband purchased school supplies in an amount close to \$200. They are considering a bake sale for their fall fundraiser. It would be held after masses the second weekend of November.

Stewardship: Martha said they served about 150 people on Sundaes Sunday. Culver's donated the ice cream. They will have a volunteer appreciation boat ride on October 2nd. It will cost \$10 per person.

There was a two-day pilgrimage from the Cathedral faith community to visit all of the ten Holy Doors in the Archdiocese. There were 20-25 people. They enjoyed their visit and spent a while here.

ROUNDTABLE:

Project 2017 pledges did not affect our weekly collection. We need to make sure the collection stays strong. We are working on ideas to help with that. They are planning a Big Ticket raffle on January 24th. It will be a feast where they will sell 250-300 tickets at \$100 each for a grand prize of \$10,000. Groups can go together to buy a ticket.

The Finance Council did a revised budget so they could send a balanced budget to the Archdiocese.

Maureen will begin a study of the book "You Did It To Me" on October 4 in the evening. There will also be class during the day, but the day of the week has not been determined.

Troy led the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary

Next meeting: September 21st

Prayers: Maureen Redmer