

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
June 22, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Sandra Cruz, AnneMarie Janikowski, Kathleen Dobbler, Millie McCormick, Maria Guadalupe Duran, Greg Desecki, Maureen Redmer and Lois Maywald. The meeting was called to order by Sandra Cruz at 6:35. Maria Guadalupe Duran led us in the opening prayer. Fr. Jim mentioned two corrections to the May minutes. Millie made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Maureen seconded and the minutes were accepted.

FATHER JIM: On Sunday, June 5th, we had the kick-off for Project 2017. Fr. Jim said he thought it was very successful. There were at least 160 people attending. There was good atmosphere with wine and food, and it was done in one hour. Sandra did the Spanish translation of the brochure. Prior to that evening, we had \$500,000 pledged. As of now, we have \$644,290 pledged and we have collected \$70-80,000. Father Jim said John Baumgardner moved in today. He will be here for his last summer here.

PARISH FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival will be September 25th. Carol Nevin, Rita Popelka and Kathie Murray are leading the committee. They will need the help of everyone. The drawing for the prizes will be after the Spanish mass that Sunday. Troy had said there would be no meeting until September. With the Fall Festival coming up, we need to have a meeting in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Formation: Fr. Jim said Bible School will be in August instead of June. It will be August 8-12. Katie Ploch has been organizing fund raisers for the mission trips. Denise Kottke is leading Consoling the Heart of Jesus.

Human Concerns: Kathleen read the minutes from their meeting. They have \$3,049 in their account. The Memorial Day collection for Side by Side brought in \$1800. There will be a collection on July 4th weekend for the Food Pantry. The collections for the Tree House were discussed. They will continue collecting personal care items for them. They are discussing how to improve the Pie Auction.

Hispanic Community: Lupe said they will have a taco sale on July 17th. They may serve breakfast items after 7:30 mass, and lunch after 9:00 and 10:30 masses. There will be a Healing Retreat on July 23-24.

Stewardship: July 24th will be a Sundaes Sunday. Ice cream will be served after 10:30 mass. They will have an Appreciation Party for John Baumgardner on August 21st. It will be his last summer here. This will be a picnic. Last year, the Stewardship committee sponsored a boat ride on Lake Geneva for all volunteers. This will be repeated on October 2.

Finance: Fr. Jim said the capital campaign is over and above our normal giving. In 2017, the school will have School Choice. This should encourage more students to attend and bring in more tuition.

175th Anniversary: We contacted places to get estimates on cost for a party. Sandra said Hawks View would charge \$100 rent plus cost of food. She had a price list for the meals. Millie said the Geneva

Lakes Museum charges \$700 rental, but would give us a lower price. They cannot accommodate 300 people. We could have an Open House or other event, possibly an evening event in the fall. Greg Desecki got information from Geneva National. He said the event would be August 6, 2017. They would charge \$8500 based on \$29 per person. He will get more information on the meal itself. He will send the information out via e-mail and we can vote on line. AnneMarie suggested calling LaSalette in Twin Lakes. We are not sure they can seat 300 people, or whether they have a liquor license.

ROUND TABLE:

Millie said she is still working on the One Million Hours. She will put the chalice back up soon.

Maureen asked if we will have a dedication mass with the Archbishop when the work is done. Fr. Jim said, once the church is finished, we will have a dedication mass. It was suggested to have an event at the museum that evening. It would be in fall of 2017. It was also mentioned to have a High Mass with all priests – Fr. Jim, Fr. Tom and Fr. Gary. We should get this on the calendar now.

Maureen said she has a book called “You Did It To Me” written by Fr. Michael Gaitley based on the works of Mercy. Denise Kottke may have a seminar on it.

Sandra read a message from Troy saying that the Cousins Center wants each Deanery to collect pictures showing works of mercy such as visiting the sick, etc. They would like to have them for their next meeting in October. We need someone to be in charge of collecting the pictures. Sandra will call Barbara Scherer for more information.

Lois suggested having prayer meetings starting in August to pray for our country, so we elect a president who can lead the country in peace and prosperity. Fr. Jim said this was a good idea, and it was suggested to have them after the mass on Mondays and after Adoration on Tuesdays.

On Monday, August 8th, a pilgrimage group from Cathedral Parish will be visiting our Holy Door. There will be about 80 people here from 12:30 to 1:00. They will be visiting all the Holy Doors. They would like someone to be available to talk about what is happening in the Parish. Martha Cucco will meet with them and possibly have cookies or something. There was discussion about putting the lights back on the Door. Maureen had pictures of the Holy Door from another parish showing the crests they have. Kathleen suggested we add similar crests.

Sandra mentioned that, on Tuesdays at 3:00, they are doing the Divine Mercy Chaplet from now through August.

Lupe led the closing prayer for the Project 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary