

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
October 26, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Sandra Cruz, AnneMarie Janikowski, Kathleen Dobbler, Daniel von Rabenau, Millie McCormick, Greg Desecki, Maureen Redmer and Lois Maywald. Also present was Fr. Dominic from St. Benedict's in Fontana. The meeting called to order by Sandra at 6:30. Father Jim led the opening prayer which was the Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer.

There was no old business.a

NEW BUSINESS:

Millie moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Maureen seconded. The minutes were accepted.

FR. JIM mentioned the joint council meeting in September. He talked about joint council meetings – the three councils at one meeting place. One parish would be the host. The visiting parish has their meeting, then there would be the joint meeting, then the visiting parish leaves and the host parish has their meeting. We will start trying this in January. In December, we will have a party at St. Bens on the second Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00. Bring a dish to pass. It was suggested to put articles about the clustering in the bulletin. We will begin clustering in June. Sometime in November, we will announce it if approved by the Archdiocese. Greg suggested that we announce that someone will be available after masses to answer questions. Dates for the cluster meetings will be set at the party in December.

Archbishop Listecki was in agreement with coming to our parish in August 2017 for our celebration. Father Jim will find out what day he is available and Sandra will make the reservation for our dinner at Hawks View.

Project 2017: Martha and Fr. Jim went to the Archdiocese to present the final proxy. We will begin the renovation the day after Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to help move Christmas things from the church into the Parish Center. Funerals may pose a problem. We may need to use other churches. Martha should put a notice in the bulletin telling people to look at the area that has been painted. The library will either be in one of the rooms downstairs or in the Parish Center. It will be a locked area.

Millie announced that the History Committee for the 175th anniversary is having their first meeting on November 2nd.

Stewardship: We had a deficit year for finances. We need to work on it. School Choice will help, as will the Big Ticket Raffle, but we need to work on the giving. It is the time to challenge people to look at what they are giving and encourage a little more. A program from the Liturgical Press Institute will start the first weekend in November.

Fall Festival: The committee has set up dates for the next three years. The report on the 2016 Festival was in the handout. No figures are available yet.

Kathleen and Sandra went to the Deanery Assembly Meeting. They got some good ideas from other parishes. We discussed having a youth member on the council. We should notify other parishes to get involved in special events. The meetings take place four times a year for two years.

We received an invitation from the Multi-Parish Ministry Institute – Father said he will respond. He said it would be a good idea. Millie will send in our acceptance. We will decide who will go at the party in December.

The Closing Mass for the Year of Mercy will be on November 20 at the Cathedral. Our Closing will be either November 13 or November 20 after the 10:30 mass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HUMAN CONCERNS: Kathleen read the minutes of their meeting. The Bake Sale will be the weekend of November 12-13. They will have a November winter outer wear and blanket collection. They would also like donations of white tube socks for the men.

SCHOOL ADVISORY: Daniel said the total students is 165 for the year. They have received 38% of tuitions. They are starting to stream school masses on Facebook. The Jog-a-thon was very successful. School Choice is being pursued. This is Red Ribbon Week for anti-drug awareness program. The play for this year will be “Fame.”

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Millie said she and Michael Deane talked about getting name tags for the greeters. They talked to Father about having hospitality during the renovation. It is important to keep it going. They would like to start having groups sign up for their weekend now. The Stewardship committee will coordinate the schedule.

HISPANIC: Sandra said the Taco Fiesta made \$1200. They talked about upcoming events. The Advent vigil will be November 26 from 7:00 to Midnight. There is a retreat on December 3 in the school gym. Our Lady of Guadalupe will be December 12th. There will be a 5:00 AM gathering and special mass at 6:00 PM. There will be nine days of Posadas, which will be mentioned in the bulletin. Sandra is trying to get someone to translate a page in the bulletin. The Spanish Emmaus Men’s retreat will be at St. Patrick’s in Elkhorn. The Women’s retreat will be February 17-19 also at St. Pat’s. We were reminded to have all the information in the St. Pat’s bulletin too.

STEWARDSHIP: The volunteer appreciation boat ride was fun. Everything went well. The food was very good.

ROUNDTABLE:

Maureen said people have commented on how well the communication has been on Project 2017. It would be very good to continue with information during the renovation so people know what is going on. Videos can be shown during the hospitality.

Millie asked about notices in the newspaper about closing the Door of Mercy. She will send them out.

AnneMarie said Ellen Von Rabenau has been doing the bulletin. She said we should send articles to her. They need to be in by Monday for the following weekend.

Fr. Dominick thanked us for having him at our meeting. He said he visited several Doors of Mercy last week. The chili cook-off will be at St. Ben's in February during our renovation.

Sandra mentioned that a Lady of Guadalupe devotion will be created in the back of the church. She said the Hispanic choir would like to have music books.

Father Jim led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary