

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**July 9, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Mark, Millie McCormick, Kurt Kayser, Dave Bergsma, Terrie Mess, Marianne Weber, Kathie Murray, Kathleen Dobbler, Gene Bulla and Lois Maywald.

Millie called the meeting to order at 6:30. Father Mark led the opening prayer. Motion was made by Gene to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Terri and the motion passed. Kathleen made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11 meeting. Gene seconded it and the minutes were accepted.

**FATHER MARK'S REPORT:** Father reminded us not to send him any e-mails between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. He said he has been thinking about having something together with St. Benedict's, such as a Fall Fest. We will discuss this further at our joint meeting. Father said we should have a joint meeting at least twice a year. Millie will talk to Barb about changing the joint meeting to October instead of September. Fr. Mark said he talked to people who told him that the reason they do not come to SFDS any more is because of the traffic and crowding in the parking lot. A suggestion was to have off duty policemen to help with directing traffic. Also, many people do not like the 5:15 mass on Saturday. St. Benedict's is at 4:30 and the people like it better. Marianne suggested having a survey to see what the parishioners think about changing the mass times. Father asked us to "put out some feelers." It was suggested that we change Saturday mass to 4:00 and see what happens. This would mean the time for Reconciliation would need to be changed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Seven days of Service** in September: No committees came up with any idea on how to celebrate this. Millie suggested our project should be the rectory. Kathie said we could also mention the school project. There was discussion about the Acts of Mercy during Lent, and people wanted to repeat it. Father Mark said St. Ben's is already collecting back packs. It was suggested we help them with this. After discussion of other ideas, the decision was to help St. Benedict's fill their back packs. Kathleen and Kathie will talk to Liz about working with Human Concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fall Festival:** Kurt said they have lots of ideas for German Fest. They have posters and flyers to put up. There was discussion about moving the festival to the front instead of the parking lot if the weather is good. This would attract more attention from people passing by and give us room for cars in the parking lot.

**Rectory Committee:** The Finance Committee agreed to donate up to \$25,000 toward the repairs of the porch.

**Parish Security Committee:** Dave reported on the progress the committee has made. The numbers are ready to go up on the doors. They have discussed other items that need attention such as fencing on the playground and moving waste cans away from the glass doors.

**Retreat with Parish Council, Finance Council and Staff:** Fr. Mark said he didn't want to do this at this time since he is already planning a retreat with staff. Perhaps we can do one for Council.

**Committee Report Highlights:**

**Worship:** Kathleen mentioned that collections are being done during the Consecration. It was suggested having the second collection after mass during the announcements. Kathleen said the ushers need to pay attention to the priest so they do not do the collections during the Consecration. It was mentioned that we should have another Arise night for the four parishes.

Father Mark said he asked the Knights of Columbus to be adult servers at mass when a child does not show up.

**Human Concerns:** Kathie said they are giving Gift and Gas cards through Side by Side now. The second collection was not done on July 7<sup>th</sup> so it will be done next week. They will have a Pie and Bake Sale on the second Tuesday in September. They will have a pizza lunch with St. Benedict's.

**Finance:** The custodian quit and the Finance Committee is working on hiring a new one.

Millie reminded the members that Committee Reports should be sent to all Council members so they can read them ahead of time. We will just hit the highlights during the meeting.

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be in September. We will have a cluster meeting in September or October.

Motion was made by Lois to adjourn. Kurt seconded it and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald  
Secretary