

Pastoral Meeting September 6, 2016

Present: Sue Tronnes, Ron Steponkus, Roland Breunig, Doug Kotecki, Dan Brantner, Mary Barrett, Patti Behrens, Margaret Hollenberger, Gina Petry. Late arrival: Jared Hammer. Absent Kelly Aleson.

Also present CCW President: Melanie Wentler

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Sue Tronnes.

The minutes of the August 2nd meeting were approved on a motion from Mary Barrett, second from Roland.

Gina Petry gave us the financial update. The Finance committee continues to work on the budget. At the moment they are waiting for prioritization from the Building and Grounds committee, on various items that have to be taken care of.

Next a report from Dan Brantner, about the various projects the Building and Grounds committee knows will have to be addressed in the near future. Things to be considered include new covering for the floor in the Parish Hall, scrubbing of the floor in the Church itself, and adding bars to the railing above the back parking lot so it will be safer.

Melanie Wentler, president of the CCW spoke next. She told us that the circles of church women had been dissolved. They do not meet separately from the CCW, so the purpose for them has become obsolete. She feels the need to get the word out about all the activities the women of the church take part in: cleaning the Altar, funeral lunches, baptismal gowns, Linen laundry, Alb laundry, Indoor flower care, Sacristan, fill Holy water fonts, and sunshine chairman. She feels, as the Stewardship committee does, that we should make known to the whole parish all the possibilities to become good stewards of St. Joseph, and promote fellowship thru working together.

Father arrived at 7:18 PM. Tuesday night confessions had held him up.

The discussion continued about stewardship and encouraging everyone to help in some way to create better fellowship in the Parish. Patti Behrens mentioned that sending information to parish members via Flocknotes is one way to inform members of the Parish about various Parish activities. Doug Kotecki said he thought that publishing lists of the various activities the CCW is involved in, would give people a chance to see what the possibilities are. Also mentioned was having someone make an announcement at the end of Mass occasionally about the needs for workers in various areas. There is also the opportunity for the ministerial groups to attend "Donut Sunday" with information about church activities.

Father Dave' report:

The pictorial books are here. A very big "thank you" to Katie Kotecki for all the time and work she put in helping to bring that project to completion. It looks like the Church Dinner organization is going well. All plans are in place and should work out well.

Fr. Kevin, from Nigeria will be here for the 10:30 Mass on Sunday September 11th. Not sure about the Saturday night Mass, but Sunday for sure.

Next—he told us that RCIA Meet and Greet will be November 18th. If we know of anyone who would like to become a Catholic, or hasn't yet been confirmed in the Catholic faith, please let Father know.

On Thursday September 8th, Second Servings will resume.

Donut Sundays: There followed a lengthy discussion about Donut Sundays. In our information packets for the meeting we were given a list of instructions for those in charge of the kitchen on those Sundays. Although we all appreciate the fact that Jon said he would take care of making the coffee and setting up the tables, it was decided that the group who was in charge for a Sunday, should take on those responsibilities. Most felt that Generations of Faith and Donut Sundays could be combined, without a problem. The members of the Pastoral Council have each signed up for a Sunday from now until Christmas. The Knights of Columbus will cover the two Sundays that combine GOF and Donut Sunday. Then we will assess the success of the program. Gina Petry will work on getting sponsors for Donut Sunday.

Mission Statement Sign: Sue presented us with a plan to put a sign up over the inside Church doors with the new Parish Mission statement. Rick Peterson had drawn up a picture of what it would look like and gave us an estimate of the cost. Everyone was very enthusiastic about it. The estimated cost was \$500. Motion was made by Marge that we go ahead and have Rick make the sign for us. Roland seconded it, and the motion carried.

Stewardship: Jared gave us an update on the Stewardship Committee. He reported that Kelly Crandall and Scott Campbell, who are doing the work on getting announcements on the information TV's are happy to keep on doing that job. We all agreed they do a very good job. Next he told us that October is national stewardship month. The committee plans to have information on every committee active at St Joseph's compiled into a booklet by October. Next he told us that the Stewardship committee is planning on doing some Fundraising for scholarships for Camp Gray or other diocesan functions. One of the fundraisers will be a t-shirt sale and the other will be the Kwik Trip Milk Moola.

Father asked that anyone who wants an announcement read by Fr Dave at the end of Mass, should get it to MaryAnn before Friday. Then Fr. and MaryAnn can go over them to make them accurate and adequate.

Roland told us that the Knights wanted to observe October, the month of the Rosary by saying the rosary before each Mass on the weekends. It was mentioned that this could conflict with the musicians' warm up before Mass. It was decided to give it a try and see how it worked with both the rosary and the warm ups happening together. Ideally, if we had a music room, the musicians could warm up outside of church and also have a place for storing their equipment.

In conclusion Father read us the 26th psalm. Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Hollenberger, Secretary