

OCTOBER 2018 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Lawton Blandford, Michelle Curnow, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Keith McGuinness, Colleen Sutton.

Members Absent: Clare Charzewski, Matt Gibbons, Scott Phillips, Scott Spanbauer, Juan Saiz and Ellen Wentz.

1. Opening Prayer – Theresa Eze

2. Minutes – Colleen Sutton

Colleen read September 2018 minutes. Changes and/or corrections were made and the minutes were approved and accepted.

3. Building Update – Father Frank

- a. Final draft of construction plans are in the Dioceses' hands. Once final approval has been received from them, then the plans will go back to the contractor. Hopefully, the contractor will receive the plans back between October 22nd – October 26th, 2018.
- b. We have a new adjusted mortgage amount of \$740,000. This amount is \$80,000 less than the original estimate of \$820,000. Monthly payments will be around \$6,120. We will have a 15 year mortgage, with a 7 year guarantee interest rate of 4.5%.
- c. Permit drawings have been sent to the City of Belmont and once approved then they will be forwarded to Gaston County. This will probably take about another 3-4 weeks. Once all approvals are met, groundbreaking will be scheduled.
- d. The large wooden doors are in the process of being made at this time.

4. Ministry Weekend Report – All

- a. The church staff felt good with the overall results of the Ministry Weekend.
- b. The Pastoral Council was represented by:
 - Colleen Sutton and Scott Spanbauer 5:00pm Saturday
 - Theresa Eze 8:00am Sunday
 - Clare Charzewski and Michelle Curnow 9:45am Sunday
 - Juan Saiz and Keith McGuinness 11:30am Sunday
- c. We had 72 church members sign up for various ministries and contact is currently underway to follow-up with these church members.
- d. Some logistical changes for setup of the tents, coffee, doughnuts, popcorn, snow-cones, etc. will be discussed for next year's event.

5. BBQ/Golf Fundraiser – Father Frank

- a. Great Success!!! Profit from these 2 events go to furnishings in the new church.
- b. 1200 BBQ tickets were sold. We had 117 walk-ins, equaling 1317 meals sold. We were sold out! BBQ profit is \$4,435.
- c. Golf Tournament was amazing again this year. Profit from this event was \$16,229.23. Once again received outstanding feedback from participants.
Example: Very well organized, awesome good bags, great food and outstanding fellowship. Still a small amount that was pledged that needs to be collected.
- d. Profit for both events will be close to \$22,000.

6. Good News – Father Frank

- a. Salt & Light Small Study Group has 15 separate groups ready to begin Sunday, October 21st, 2018.
- b. New multi-cultural choir are in the process of developing within the church. Currently, we have a Women's Filipino choir that has formed. The church is looking at participating in a Filipino tradition called "The Mass of the Rooster". This type of Mass is a daily Mass that is celebrated at dawn, for the nine (9) days before Christmas. More information to come as this plan is put into motion.
- c. Trunk or Treat is ready to go on Sunday, October 28th, from 2:00-4:00pm. The Youth Group printed out fliers and distributed them throughout The Reid Park Community so as to invite our neighbors to this event.
- d. The Thanksgiving meal planning is underway. The expectation is to serve roughly 500 meals, with the majority of these being deliveries. Estimation of about 70-80 of these meals will be eat-ins. This event takes several volunteers and is always a huge success. Thanks also go out to Joe O'Brien and Peter Liberatore, for spear heading this event.

- e. On the weekend of October 27-28, Mike and Diane from the Christian community in Bethlehem will be setup after all masses selling their hand carved goods for Christmas presents. The cost goes to support them and all those in the Christian community in Bethlehem.
- f. The bulletin will contain an insert with a summary of the Parish Listening event that was held on Wednesday, August 29th, 2018.
- g. Winter Coat Collection will begin November 3-11. Donations of gently used coats, sweaters, jackets, hats, gloves and mittens are needed. Collection boxes will be located in the Narthex. Andrew Kloak has taken over this important ministry.
- h. DSA collection for 2018 is within \$1,019.02 of our pledged amount, with 273 families participating.
- i. Hurricane Florence made us aware of some roof repairs that needed to be completed over some office spaces and The MAK Family Life Center.
- j. The Ladies Restroom closest to the church had to have the toilets replaced/upgraded.
- k. Lastly, on November 4th our Hispanic Community will be serving Hot Chocolate and Bread of The Dead after each Mass. There will also be a Hispanic Community Food Sale Saturday, November 3rd from 8:00am – 2:00pm. Proceeds benefit the new church building fund.

7. Closing Prayer – Lawton Blandford