

JUNE 2017 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Keith McGuinness, Lawton Blandford, Colleen Sutton, Ellen Wentz, Scott Spanbauer, and Juan Saiz

Members Absent: Scott Phillips, Matt Gibbons, Michelle Curnow, John Fout, Clare Charzewski, Jerry Gardner, and Mark Ebreo

Opening Prayer: Colleen Sutton

1. **Presentation/Review of Secretary's minutes for May 2017 meeting:** Approved and Accepted
2. **Badges:** Fifteen (15) new Pastoral Council badges have been purchased and the newest members of the council received their badges. Badges are to be worn to Mass and other parish events throughout the year.
3. **Mark Ebreo:** It is with great sadness that our brother, Mark Ebreo, has offered his resignation, from the council, to Father Frank. Mark and his beautiful wife will be moving back to Massachusetts in August. They will be greatly missed. God Speed to them both.
4. **Bulletin format discussion:** Current format of our weekly bulletin was recently updated (2 years ago). As of this time the format is working well. If we make graphic changes to one document, then all parish documents would require updating/changes. This allows us to be consistent with all our documentation. We are currently on a 3 year contract and when that is up for renewal, then if needed changes would be made.
5. **Fund Raisers:**
 - a. Christmas tree sales: This opportunity was presented to Jayme Cannon, Coordinator of The Youth Ministries and based upon the logistics of the project, they decided to pass. It was mentioned that maybe The Knights could handle this task, but as of now, this fund raiser has been placed on the back burner.
 - b. Our Latino Parish Family members raised over \$1,000 for the parish from their breakfast fundraiser.
 - c. Golf Tournament News Update: Sponsorships are currently be solicited, brochures have been printed, and all material items needed are in hand. However, some concern has been mentioned about the success of this year's tournament compared to last years. The tournament is moving ahead as planned.
 - d. BBQ Fundraiser is schedule for the Friday prior to the Golf Tournament. Tickets will go on sale in September.

6. Father Frank's Good News:

- a. There will be no council meeting in December. We will instead be attending the Minister's Reception in its place on Thursday, December 14th.
- b. Budget News:
 1. Budget has been approved and shows about a 4% increase in both income and expenses. Surplus of close to \$77,000. Income estimated at \$869,000 with expenses estimated at \$864,000.
 2. The Boy Scouts had asked for an increase in their budgeted amount of \$4,000 to \$5,000. This request was denied. Last year they only used \$2,266.00, which included some camp scholarships and supplies.
 3. School subsidies are down. Three (3) families have opted out of the catholic school education program. Our budget cost for next year will only be about 2/3 of last year's budget.
- c. Our Youth Group ministry has set a goal to raise \$5,000 over the next 2 years to help purchase our new altar.
- d. The parish is adding another adult staff member to the KidZone Ministry. This is a paid position.
- e. Correction on information presented at May's meeting in reference to a "position" for our growing athletic program. This is not a paid position. The parish is looking at this as a "volunteer" position. Someone to head up the coordination of the various programs, i.e. basketball, softball, soccer, etc.
- f. Meals on Wheels current contract will expire on Friday, June 30th. There is a provision within the new contract that states a vendor must supply an I-9 Form (This form is used for verifying the identity and employment authorization of individuals hired for employment in the United States) in other words illegal immigrants need not apply/volunteer. We as a Church do not agree or support this and have chosen to cross out this paragraph within the contract. Father Frank signed and submitted the new revised contract to the program. As of the June meeting, no response has been received from them.
- g. Baptismal Preparation Meetings are busting at the seams. This is a good thing. Current group as 22 candidates. There is an increase in the Latino community for this sacrament.
- h. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) "Encuentro" program. This is in reference to cultural diversity within the Church/and community. We need to reach out to our Spanish speaking parish family members and engage them more in leadership/decision making roles. It focuses on the issues affecting Hispanics both young and old. We will be engaging/getting more involved with this program starting around the month of August.
- i. Lastly, Father made mention of a possible "Book Club". The first book would be by Jesuit Priest Father Jim Martin, "Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT community can enter into a relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity."

7. Colleen Sutton presented information on Stewardship retreat that she attended in March of this year. She also mentioned and passed out information on this year's 55th Annual Conference of the International Catholic Stewardship Council gathering in Atlanta, GA from September 17-20th. Additional information was passed out about the regional Stewardship coming up in April 2018 in Augusta, GA. All council members are eligible to attend these conference, with the parish reimbursing the expenses of the trip.

8. **Closing Prayer:** Keith McGuinness