**St. Joan of Arc**

**Pastoral Council Minutes**

**October 1, 2018**

**Attendance**: Fr. Willie Franken, Ray Ford, Ginger Bahr, Bob Chrest, Terry Welker, Tony Smith, Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Lou Kosydar, Roseanne Dowdy, and Nancy Schmidt

**Absent**: Chuck Hoppe

1. **Opening Prayer**: Ray Ford
2. **Agenda Items**:

* **Minutes from September meeting were approved**
* **Parish Calendar Review October thru December**
  + Reviewed the parish calendar & Deacon Ray highlighted upcoming events between now and the end of the year. Calendar attached.
* **Faith Fest Review**
  + After action review meeting was attended by Deacon Ray.
  + Faith Fest was an absolute success they are assessing feedback and planning for next year. Possibly on a Saturday night
* **Picnic and Ministry Fair Review**
  + Picnic was very successful. Turnout was 200+
  + Feedback on ministry fair was that it should probably be moved downstairs in conjunction with the picnic so as to allow more parishioners to have a chance to look things over and the ministry leads to engage people.
* **Fr Willie Pastor’s Report (see attached)**
* Fr. Willie shared that the bulletin will be spruced up and receive a slightly new look.
* The town hall meeting will be on October 7th. This is a listening session on the Clergy Sexual Abuse and comments and feedback will be sent to the Archbishop. Nancy Schmidt will take notes and submit them to Fr. Willie after the meeting.
* October 14th is the Family Faith Breakfast. We are taking a family centered approach to formation this year. There will be interviews with the parents of children that are to be receiving sacraments. First and foremost they are being encouraged to attend Mass weekly. Trying to reach out and be helpful to families but also in a challenging way.
* CLOW is also changed for this year. Children are being dismissed before Mass begins to allow for more time for a lesson. Ushers can encourage families that come in late and direct them to CLOW.
* ALPHA program is the new young adult outreach. Encourage 20-40 yr olds to come out and get engaged. Similar to Christ Life program.
* Good Samaritan Luncheon held to review some procedures and communication with Fr. Willie and the staff.
* 100th Anniversary ~ Jill Witt will be the lead for this committee. First meeting will be on October 23rd at 7pm.
* Parish Picnic was successful. Have the pastoral council send thank you notes to a few of the key organizers.
* Meeting House improvements: Looking at have some changes made to the meeting house space to make it even more usable.
* **Financial Update Lou Kosydar (see attached)**
* Trust is perfoming well. Overall, we are doing well thanks to a very positive market.
* Collections have been up recently. There have been a couple of larger than normal checks.
* **School Updates (see attached)**
* School was in the BLACK last year.
* Enrollment is steady with new students but steady stream of folks that move out of the area. Always a challenge.
* School was featured in the Catholic Review for the first day of school.
* Created for Good works is the archdiocese theme for this year. Working on service projects as always.
* St. Joan of Arc theme is Stewards of the Earth. Working on STEM, environment & service projects in connection with the theme.
* Extracurriculars are all up and running. 10/11 Career day, 10/26 Skype a scientist.
* **New business**
  + Bob Chrest put forth an idea for spotlighting a student that is involved in the parish that perhaps the pastoral council could recognize.
  + Legion of Mary Meeting will be this Sunday, October 7th after the 11:15 Mass
  + Robin is working on the annual report for the parish during the 1st couple of weeks of October. Robin will attend the November pastoral council meeting and then Terry Welker will present to the parish in November.
  + Eagle Scout project ~ working on the grotto. Will also

**Our next pastoral council meeting will be November 5th at 6:30pm in the meeting house**.

Nancy Schmidt will lead the prayer next month.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Schmidt