

St. Joan of Arc

Pastoral Council Minutes

February 5, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Willie Franken, Ed Boris, Jack Fuller, Ray Ford, Ginger Bahr, Bob Chrest, Terry Welker, Tony Smith, Chuck Hoppe, Dick Berndt and Nancy Schmidt

Absent: Deacon Ray Van Pelt

1. **Opening Prayer:** Nancy Schmidt

2. **Agenda Items:**

- **Minutes from December meeting were approved**
- **Fr Willie Pastor's Report (see attached)**
 - Fr. Willie was in touch with Lisa Wright from archdiocese about the Lenten appeal. Pastoral council members will cover commitment weekend. Terry 5pm Mass, Bob 8:30 Mass and Ed at 11:15 Mass and Fr. Willie will cover announcement weekend
 - The council all agreed that our rebate from Lenten Appeal could be used to assist Annunciation parish in Rosedale.
 - Lent happenings are posted in the bulletin. Fr Willie will also be sharing some notes about fasting & abstinence during the Lenten season in the bulletin. Reconciliation is being widely promoted this Lenten season.
 - Fr. Willie will be meeting with Fr. Dale to discuss the newly vacated youth minister position.
 - Purchase of the house behind the school is progressing and papers will be signed soon.
- **Financial Update from Ed Boris (see attached)**
 - Ahead on income in the first six months. Trust is performing well. Expenses we are below our budget. Overall, we are doing well.
 - The cathedraticum tax for second quarter was not included on the financial report.
- **School Updates (see attached)**
 - Registration is ongoing. 16 new students. 150 have reregistered
 - Catholic Schools week was great. Dog tags & Tails presentation well received & donation to veterans was made.
 - Awaiting accreditation date in April/May
 - Bingo was successful & nice to see parishioners & school joining together.

- **Strategic Plan update & Implementation Jack Fuller**
 - Bulletin inserts are updating the parish.
 - Dick Berndt mentioned that 11:15 Mass seems to be a fertile ground to reaching out to new folks. Pastoral council encouraged to try to attend 11:15 once a month to help shake hands & introduce themselves & greet (donut Sunday- first Sunday of the month).
 - Jack and Deacon Ray are working with the school to update their strategic plan which ends in March 2018. They will be updating goals & objectives & dates.
 - Fr. Willie pointed out that the WE NEED YOU advertisement is important and we need to work to get others more actively involved. A discussion was had about the best way to recruit. Chuck Hoppe encouraged directly asking people face to face contact. Terry mentioned that it would be good if once a month the pastoral council could perhaps do the announcements. I suggested putting a monthly AD in the bulletin from one of the ministries DIRECTLY asking for new members to join or whatever help is needed. Bob Chrest suggested getting school and parish more involved in a variety of programs.
- Security plan Update : Jack Fuller
 - Fr. Willie & Jack & Robin attended an Active Shooter Program with Harford County Sherriff's Office.
 - Usher's had meeting this past weekend reviewing security items.
- New Business:
 - Will keep monthly meetings on Monday evenings and will keep Deacon Ray updated.

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

Ed Boris will lead the prayer next month.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Schmidt