

St. Patrick's Pastoral Council October 11, 2017

Members present: Fr. Pete, Bill Diedrich, Meg Sprick, Kendra Walker, Lea Sexton, Deacon David Dose. Absent: Jenny Dieterman, Jerry Ott, Maria Schultz

Lea lead opening prayer

Leader: Bill Diedrich, Observer: Deacon David, Timekeeper: Meg Sprick, Recorder: Lea Sexton

Agenda approved by all.

Minutes reviewed and approved. Motion: Meg Seconded: Deacon David

Faith Formation Update: Kendra reported that 45 students are registered at St. Patrick's and three new families have signed up. On October 8 and 15 the "Fatima" video was shared with 4th grade through Confirmation students. Also rosaries were assembled from kits on October 15 for all grades. On November 19, focus will be on "Planning a Family Advent Project" and "Thankful Tree Project." Father will coordinate with Kendra on when students can receive the sacrament of confession during Advent. Student-assisted Masses are scheduled for: October 15 – 9th grade; October 22 – 4th grade, and October 29 – 2nd grade. Lea gave a reminder that the family pamphlet, "Explaining God's Word" will be distributed this Sunday. There will be extra copies that Deacon David or Father will transport to St. Mary's to see if anyone is interested.

Liturgy/Sunday Experience: Father noted there seems to be less attendance at church for the past few months. Wondering if there is a reason. Do we need to reach out?

Railing in the Sanctuary: On hold as suggestions are explored. Railing committee should be discussing options. Feel there is the need as elderly want to be involved.

Ministries Direction/ Plan: Sign-up Sunday, 10/15. Dennis Makoutz will lead.

Sound System in Church: Discussion of problem areas seems to be in the middle of the church and balcony. Individuals may benefit with handheld boosters. Deacon David will ask Dennis M. to jointly meet with Sims Sound Systems from Winona to assess the church sound environment and suggest solutions.

Baptisms Checklist: Maria was going to send out the checklist that St. Mary's uses. None have received. Also, we want to get names of baptized and family in bulletin.

Fundraising: Deacon David reported that the Chicken BBQ went well. The day was beautiful, and the silent auction money is still being collected. A steady flow of people was nice to handle. There were about 50 less chicken halves that were sold as meals. Most were sold as just meat near the end of serving. Meg shared that the CCW Rummage sale went well and over \$4000 was taken in over two weekends. The Fall Craft Sale will be held on November 11. To date, 21 tables have been reserved, ideally would like to have 24-25. Contact person is Meg Sprick.

Thrivent Financial Fundraising Opportunities: Meg shared that they have an on-line application that any Thrivent customer can fill out to get help with cost of projects. It is a charity project for Thrivent and \$250 gift certificates are given if accepted. Catholic Financial also has Choice Dollars that can be applied for. It might be a way to help pay for the Prayer Garden.

Catholic Mutual Safety Review: This will be tabled until next meeting to be sure all issues are addressed. We will check with Dennis M. as we know he saw the results.

Pastor's Report: Reminder that Paul Kluesner is willing to arrange transportation for all interested students to attend youth Masses held at the NET Center in St. Paul. Those who have gone say it is well worth it. Schedule is on the website and prior notice is necessary to make proper arrangements.

Upcoming Calendar Events: 100th Anniversary of Fatima, Friday, October 13 with Bishop Quinn to be held in Kasson, MN

2nd Annual Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's.

Anything Else: Lea spoke on communications happening that connect parishioners to college students. Letters, emails, etc. are shared with students from our parish.

Next Joint Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, November 16 **at SM;** Mass at 6:30 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: St. Patrick's Thursday, January 11, 2018. Leader: Bill D. Prayer: Deacon David

Observations: Meeting was efficient and timely. Enjoyed hearing from Kendra.

Lea lead the closing prayer and shared a poem "Our Purpose" by Margaret M. Johnson.