

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Msgr. Michael Reed, Fr. Hank Lech, Steve Rhodes, Joe Courey, Noelle Strevig, Donna Arndt, Pete Fierro, Chris Gay, Audrey Gibson, Vic Vangrowski, Ron Wark, and Sherry Rhodes.

Parishioners in Attendance: Richard Collins, Marie Woods

Msgr. Reed opened the meeting in prayer. It was then announced that Bishop Parkes received an official letter and documents from Rome informing him that Father Henry Anthony Lech is approved for re-instatement as a priest. Fr. Hank is to celebrate his first Mass with Bishop Parkes on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Pastoral Center in Pensacola, and is to offer his first Mass at St. Rose on Friday, September 16th at the 8 am Mass. Fr. Hank thanked everyone for their kind words.

Minutes:

- With no changes or additions to the May meeting minutes, Donna Arndt motioned to approve the meeting minutes as is. Audrey Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finance Council Report:

- Sherry Rhodes provided the Finance Council report on behalf of Dawn Gagnon.
- At the time of the meeting, the Building Fund savings account reflected an amount of \$198,676.79. The Growing in Faith Savings reflected a total amount of \$208,756.87 leaving the total Building Fund Savings as \$407,433.66.
- The amount of families participating in the CSA Campaign for 2016 reflects a total number of 295 families. A Parish Goal of \$71,504.97 had been set with a total amount pledged of \$99,448.00. The total amount that has been received reflects a number of \$81,854.50.
- The July 2016 offertory saw an increase of \$3,000 while the August offertory saw an overall decrease.

Parish Business:

Old Business:

- Ron Wark led the discussion on the Pastoral Council Constitution Review as Kate Lewis was not in attendance. Steve Rhodes thanked the committee for their work. One minor edit was made to Article 6, Section 2, #4 to read that should there be a tie in an officer election, a run-off election will be held. An Appendix was added to the end of the Constitution to include established procedures for each Pastoral Council meeting. All minor changes were discussed and accepted by the committee and the Pastoral Council will vote on the proposed changes at the October meeting.
- Msgr. Reed noted that the covered walkway is scheduled to be completed in October prior to the Fall Festival. It was suggested that Wescon could have the parking lot repaved prior to the festival for an amount to \$32,000. Msgr. Reed led the discussion as to whether or not the parking lot should be repaved and if in agreeance, should the parking lot be repaved before or after the festival? Joe Courey motioned to approve the paving of the parking lot by Wescon for the amount of \$32,000. Audrey Gibson seconded

the motion. The motion carried. Joe Courey made a second motion to prolong the paving of the parking lot until after the conclusion of the festival. Audrey Gibson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Steve Rhodes announced that the painting of the south wall of the education building and the repairs to fix the leaks have been completed. Msgr. Reed noted that there were initial damages to the second floor of the education building that are being fixed by Westcon.
- Msgr. Reed explained that the children's choir will be beginning soon. The council was asked to forward contact to Msgr. Reed should they know of anyone with musical talent and would be able to work with children for the choir. Kate Lewis will be the main contact for the children's choir. Additional information will be placed in the Mass announcements.
- Msgr. Reed thanked Pete Fierro and Gene Skalsky for their assistance in gathering information for proposals on a new freezer/refrigerator. Msgr. will discuss this information with the current Knights of Columbus leadership at a later date.
- It was stated that Harve Shiplett is working on building the welcome center for the vestibule and will reveal the finished product to Msgr. Reed once finished. Marie Fields and Richard Collins will be recruiting volunteers to assist with the Hospitality/Love Thy Neighbor Ministry. Richard Collins asked that the ministry be included in the Mass announcements. Msgr. Reed encouraged everyone to promote.
- Joe Courey provided an update on the former Grounds Committee, now the Tech Committee. Including himself, Joe noted that there are 4 additional committee members that have agreed to lend their talents to the Tech Committee should the need for assistance for the Parish arise. This committee will act as an advisory committee. These members and their talents include: Deacon Jeff Massey (A/V and Computers, Bill Fields (Electrical), Ken Paterna (A/C and HVAC), and Bill Gibson (Handyman).

New Business:

- Steve Rhodes suggested that the council begin to think of new goals and objectives in regards to moving forward in the Parish and how to engage the Parish community. Would like to see this happen within the next few months.
- Steve Rhodes handed out the current Parish ministry list and encouraged council members to let him know which ministry they would like to be a liaison for. The current ministry list can be found via the Parish website as well.
- Msgr. Reed and Steve Rhodes previously discussed retreat ideas for the Parish and will discuss further at a future meeting. Msgr. asked how we could increase Parish spirituality and asked that everyone continue to think on this regard. Dani Massey is head of the retreat committee. Pete Fierro will be hosting a financial planning seminar on November 15th and Fr. Joe Fowler will be hosting a Day of Reflection on December 3rd.

Updates and Activities:

- Msgr. Reed noted that St. Rose was part of the on-site audit for the National Office of Child and Youth Protection that took place on Tuesday, August 30th. Overall, the Diocese was found to be in compliance and St. Rose was commended on all of its efforts to make its parish safe for children, youth, and the vulnerable.
- The Epic adult education program is scheduled to begin in October. Msgr. Reed stated that 97 people have signed up. The first meeting will be a "bring a covered dish/information" session. There will 5 different sessions offered during the week as well as accessible online.
- At this time there are 15 candidates within the RCIA group. A link for additional information on the RCIA program is available on the Parish website. John Canning had

previously informed Msgr. Reed with a possible Sunday extension for those that are not able to attend classes on Wednesday evenings. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

- Steve Rhodes announced that there will be a children's Mass once a month. Children will participate with the readings and within a children's choir.
- Audrey Gibson provided an update into the 35th Annual St. Rose Fall Festival. The bleachers have been moved into the shade and the sound booth will be moved back. Concrete Cowboy completed a great deal of grounds maintenance work with the help of Joe Courey. The festival grounds are now more open. Carnival rides have been secured and the musical entertainment has been set. The Bingo booth has been moved to the Parish Hall to accommodate more individuals. Social media posts are increasing and Audrey will prepare a mass e-mail and further announcements for Mass. A new booth will make its appearance this year and will provide all turkey legs and boiled peanuts. The goal is to have a large military and first responder presence for this booth.
- Msgr. Reed announced that the Ladies Auxiliary has re-organized themselves as they can no longer be considered an auxiliary group as stated by the Knights of Columbus. The group may not longer use the Knights of Columbus logo or the Knights of Columbus EIN number. With a new name of Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary, they have rewritten their bylaws, have moved their monies using the parish EIN number, and will continue to provide support to the Knights of Columbus. The Auxiliary will meet on September 14th to elect officers.
- The Bishop will be sending letters to parishioners asking for them to support their parish Stewardship Campaign.
- Vic Vangrowski noted that a Mass for the deceased of our Parish will be held on November 3rd.

Fr. Hank closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 11, 2016 – 6PM

Submitted for Approval by Noelle Strevig - Secretary