

ST. ROSE OF LIMA PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016 6:00PM

Council Members Present: Msgr. Michael Reed, Deacon Chris Christopher, Steve Rhodes, Noelle Strevig, Donna Arndt, Pete Fierro, Chris Gay, Ron Wark, and Dawn Gagnon.

Parishioners in Attendance: Marie Woods

Msgr. Reed opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes:

- With no changes or corrections to the existing minutes, Donna Arndt motion to approve the September 2016 meeting minutes as is. Ron Wark seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finance Council Report:

- Dawn Gagnon noted that the Parish has exceeded the CSA goal amount. Msgr. Reed stated that he was very grateful for those that made CSA pledges. Out of the 57 Parishes that participated in the Diocese, St. Rose was listed at #49 in having Parish participation. Msgr. also recognized that parishioners have been giving more to first collection rather than second collection and our overall savings has increased.

Parish Business:

- Constitution Review: Steve Rhodes explained that the voting on the changes to the Constitution will be postponed as a quorum had not been met. Voting is scheduled to take place at the November meeting.
- Review of St. Rose of Lima 2016 Fall Festival: Msgr. Reed announced that roughly \$70,000 had been received during the fall festival. After expenses, the amount reflected a rough total of \$49,000.
 - Positive aspects of the festival and areas of concern were discussed. Msgr. Reed was a fan of the rides however, larger rides were needed for the adults. The amount of vendors proved to be positive along with the seated area for the entertainment. The Bingo Hall received a steady flow of people while many individuals did not realize the new location for this year. It was suggested that additional signage be used to direct individuals to the Hall. Pete Fierro noted that he enjoyed the covered eating area. Steve Rhodes stated that he volunteered for the turkey leg booth and was impressed with the large military presence that volunteered. Steve would like to see this happen again but volunteers may need to be requested ahead of time. Donna Arndt suggested that the leftover turkey legs be used for the Christmas carnival.
 - Areas of concern included the amount of dust that was kicked up on the festival grounds. Ron Wark noted that the signage for the carnival usually placed on Red James' property was not put out this year. Donna Arndt

expressed her concern for the price of the rides versus the short ride time. The handicapped parking was noted to not have been designated by signage. It was noted that a designated smoking area would be ideal. Steve Rhodes explained that Audrey Gibson would like to see some of the festival profits go towards minor updates to the Parish Hall.

- Parish Building Projects: Steve Rhodes noted that the covered walkway is completed but the asphalt needs to be placed on either side. The roof of the walkway is said to be lighter than the church building and Wescon will be contacted to see if they could strip the roof of the walkway to match the color of the building. It was said that Wescon suggested to remove the parking stops where there is a significant curb to maximize parking space. Where there is no curb, the stops will remain or will be put in.
- Children's Choir: The first children's choir took place on October 7th. Dr. Coyle led the 20 children that participated. Msgr. Reed expressed that the parishioners seemed pleased. The next children's choir weekend will be on Sunday, November 6th and will take place the first Sunday of every month.
- Welcome Counter/Center: Msgr. Reed announced that the welcome counter/center is completed and has been placed in the vestibule. Parishioners and guests will be able to obtain Parish information, register for different programs, etc. Looking to have a rotating schedule for those that would like to volunteer to man the counter.

New Business:

- Steve Rhodes reiterated to the council his request for ideas for spiritual retreats for the Parish. Steve would love to see something nice and inspiring for parishioners to attend. Pete Fierro will give a finance presentation on Tuesday, November 15th at 7PM.
- The Parish Ministry Liaison list has been completed and council members have been assigned to a Parish ministry. Steve Rhodes explained that the council is responsible for being in contact with the ministry heads as the council member is an outlet for the ministry heads to express their happiness, concerns, and needs for their ministry. The council member will provide a report if necessary.
- Parish Events:
 - October 20th – Adult Education Program, Epic, to begin. Msgr. Reed noted that roughly 125 people are registered. The first evening will begin with an overall welcome presentation and potluck in the Parish Hall. Msgr. Reed will teach a class on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings will be taught in groups. Class time will last an hour and a half.
 - October 22nd – Octoberfest will take place on the festival grounds from 5:30PM to 8PM.
 - All Saints Day – November 1st
 - An extended list of Parish events can be obtained by contacting the Parish office.
- Amazing Parish Conference: Msgr. Reed expressed his interest in having the Parish participate in the Amazing Parish Conference in Atlanta, GA in March of 2017. Msgr.

stated that the Bishop strongly encouraged each Parish in the diocese to participate as the conference focuses on how to make your Parish amazing. 6 parishes in the diocese have already registered. In order for St. Rose of Lima to participate, registration for the event must be completed by October 19th to receive a discount. Those who attend from the Parish do not pay anything to go other than a few meals that must be covered. Msgr. noted that the registration would cost \$1000 and a leadership team of 5 individuals would represent the Parish at the conference. Transportation would be in the form of the Parish bus. Deacon Chris Christopher motioned to approve the registration for the conference. Donna Arndt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Homeschool Program: Msgr. Reed expressed his concern that the Santa Rosa Christian School does not support the Catholic Church. It has been noted that parishioners who have sent their children to the school say that they do not approve. In the past there has not been an interest in a St. Rose of Lima Learning Center but as homeschooling increases, an interest has increased. Parents would use the St. Rose of Lima classrooms to hold study sessions and meetings with other homeschooling groups. Msgr. Reed will provide additional information as it becomes available.
- Steve Rhodes explained his interest in having the Pastoral Council hold an appreciation dinner for ministry heads and volunteers. Additional information will be presented in the future. Steve Rhodes has agreed to take the lead in preparation.
- RCIA Program: Steve Rhodes noted that there may be a possibility of extending the RCIA program into a Sunday morning session. Steve is to speak with John Canning in obtaining an individual to teach the Sunday morning sessions. Should this take place, Steve would like to see more Parish participation for the program. Volunteers would take on roles of prayer partners and/or sponsors and mentors.

Msgr. Reed closed the meeting in prayer.

Next scheduled meeting: November 8, 2016 - 6PM

Submitted for Approval by Noelle Strevig - Secretary