

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2016

Attendance: Doris Champagne, Ryan Gerling, Janet Schnoebelen, Steve Vorwerk, Jennifer Berry, Keli Oleson, Liz Sanning, Mary Rosenberg

Council Chair Liz Sanning called the meeting to order. Father Marty led opening prayer.

Two-minute verbal reports

- A. Does anything need to be clarified? No
- B. Is there overlap between what the commissions are working on that needs to be sorted out? No
- C. Are any of the commissions floundering or in need of assistance? No

Old Business: Kudos to Dave Sanning for making the links for the chain of mercy carried in the Chain of Mercy Pilgrimage.

The Administration Commission questioned if there would be a Capital Campaign for repair of the stained glass windows. Father Marty said it would not be considered before the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

New Business:

Having a December meeting was discussed. There was not a December meeting last year. There will not be a December meeting this year.

The possibility of a joint Pastoral Council meeting with SSMP was discussed. The joint Administration Commission meeting seemed to go well. Father Marty has requested to meet with Bishop Amos and Father Tony Herold, the Vicar General. He wants to see where the Bishop is on this issue of the parishes merging.

The Administration Commission asked what is the length of time that people will remain on their Commission. Father Marty says the change in membership will come around the first of the year. It was suggested that a social be held with the SSMP Pastoral Council. Father Marty asked Liz Sanning to facilitate the meeting with Dave Ehret, the president of the Pastoral Council, and Kent Wilson, the PAR Coordinator. It was suggested that the meeting be held in November or December. SSMP meets the first Thursday of the month for their Common Leadership Night.

Parish Concerns: Father Marty says parish income is down for one month, but it is a pretty substantial decrease. The August receipts need to be looked at. A question was raised as to what we can do to bring more enthusiasm into the DMC parishes. Father Marty thinks we need to have a mission or renewal with a good speaker. CAFÉ could be revamped. In November we will have the relics of Brother Andre Dorsette.

\$87,399 is our goal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal that kicks off September 25th. With all three parishes together, we have the second highest goal in the diocese.

It was recommended that we look at a mission of bringing people back to the church. A suggestion was made to consider calling parishioners who have not been coming to church during a Commission meeting. A script would be made available.

Long Term Planning:

Father Bill led closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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