

DIVINE MERCY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Father Marty led the opening prayer.

Linda Law presented an idea to all the Commissions to plan something on October 13th, the anniversary of the Blessed Mother's appearance at Fatima. A suggestion is to say the rosary at the Grotto or North Hill Park. The Commissions will discuss possibilities.

Liz Sanning addressed the Red, White, and Blue Mass on September 11th and the responsibilities of each Commission. Administration is to handle publicity, Worship is in charge of liturgical ministers and music, Outreach is to find ushers and greeters, Formation is to develop a prayer card, and Community is to plan the reception.

The Fall Festival is October 15 at SS. Mary and Patrick Hall. Tom and Danielle Chicken are the chairs. The Commissions' responsibilities are: Formation - kid's games; Administration - publicity, giving raffle tickets out to parishioners at the churches and counting money; Outreach, Community, Worship - supervise the cafeteria, students to help carry trays, clean-up and monitor restrooms, clean-up in kitchen, and deliver food from the kitchen to the servers.

The Gathering of Ministers will be held on September 14, 6:30 PM in SS. Mary and Patrick Church. Father Marty indicated the parishioners who signed up at the Stewardship Fair must be called. Parishioners need to be invited by the members of the Commissions. Each person is asked to invite two parishioners to the Gathering of Ministers.

Jerry Strause indicated the remodeling of the parish offices is coming along. One office in the parish office will be finished, except for painting and carpeting. We are not over budget in the remodeling.

Father Marty recognized Gary Johnson who is beginning Deacon Formation this coming weekend, as well as Andrew (Bill) Reif, a member of St. Mary's, Dodgeville.

October 7th Bishop Zinkula will celebrate Mass at SS. Mary and Patrick church to commission the people who completed Ministry Formation, including Heather Tieman.

Father Marty shared that Amanda Nichols, our Youth Minister, is resigning from the position. Several people were interviewed and Tammy Bellrichard was offered the position. Amanda did a great job in beginning the youth ministry.

Two-Minute Verbal Reports

Administration Commission:

The Buildings & Grounds Committee reported on the office renovation. Work will begin on the windows at St. John Church. There was discussion about an app for younger parishioners, and the parish's Website, Facebook, and Twitter. The Red, White and Blue Mass responsibilities were discussed.

Community Commission:

The Commission recapped the Faith Festival and how to increase the number of attendees. To encourage more people to participate in events, they considered a parish survey. The American Queen bus will be stopping for tours at St. Paul Church. They discussed their responsibility for the Red, White and Blue Mass. Dennis and Tammy Kramer were welcomed to their commission.

Faith Formation Commission:

The Commission discussed the prayer card for the Red, White, and Blue Mass. They spent time planning kids' games for the Fall Festival. The "Formed" Program, a digital resource through Lighthouse Media, which offers movies, documentaries, audio books, CD's, etc., was presented.

Worship Commission:

Since 4 of the 5 people present are going off the commission, they will be contacting people to get involved. They discussed the Red, White, and Blue Mass liturgical ministers and music. Priesthood Appreciation Day is October 29th and they discussed the possibility of a card shower. An Organ Crawl on September 17th will include St. John church.

Outreach Commission:

Seven parishioners are interested in the commission and all will be called. The Commission looked at their Red, White and Blue Mass assignment. Old Commission members will attend the Gathering of Ministers. The Giving Tree will be done as a parish this year. They discussed how to get a parishioner in an assisted living facility to Mass.

Father Marty reviewed inviting to the Gathering of Ministers. A suggestion was made for a handout for each commission on what they do.

Everyone was reminded that if an event is to be scheduled at one of our church buildings or church halls, Erin Stott needs to be informed.

Father Marty asked how many attended the Faith Festival and how many went to Mass at another church building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser
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