

DIVINE MERCY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2017

Attendance: Father Marty Goetz, Doris Champagne, Tom Chicken, Dave Ehret, Ryan Gerling, Liz Sanning, Janet Schnoebelen, Steve Vorwerk, Sue Crabb, Erin Stott, Heather Tieman, Diane Mansheim, Bob Mansheim, LuAnn Glaser

Liz Sanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Father Marty had opening prayer.

Under Old Business, a written summary of Father Marty's 25th anniversary was shared. The group that met after the anniversary shared the things that worked well and the improvements that could be made. The biggest concern was that there was no overall coordinator. Every commission carried out the duties requested. Father Marty shared that he appreciates what everyone did and thought the celebration was great.

The Parish Flowchart was reviewed.

New Business included the review of the Parish Structure chart. A committee looked at the parish structure charts for both SS. Mary and Patrick and SS. John and Paul, and did their best to put together everything going on in a cohesive manner in a structure for Divine Mercy Parish. The Council members were given a copy, asked to look it over, and determine if there are any questions.

Diane Mansheim presented on the possibility of Our Lady of Grace Grotto being on the National Register of Historic Places. Diane is contacting the state of Iowa as well as local people involved with historic preservation. Father Marty will check with the diocese. Her goal is to gather all the necessary paperwork and send it to Des Moines by August 2018. The only cost would be photographs. A question was raised as to what requirements go with the designation. It must remain as originally built and the grotto structure has remained the same; additions have been made. Diane is looking for parishioners to assist with the project. Designation would result in grants to complete the work. The Council encouraged Diane to pursue the process. Diane also shared the concern that the churches are not listed in the Chamber of Commerce magazine since the parish is not a member of the Chamber. It costs \$145 a year to join the Chamber.

The outline for the Gathering of Ministers was presented. It will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 PM at SS. Mary and Patrick Church. Father Marty indicated the people who signed up at the Stewardship Fair need to be asked to come to the Gathering and suggested that every commission member should invite two people. Tonight, the commissions need to determine who will summarize the commission at the Gathering.

There was discussion as to whether Stewardship and Evangelization should be our 6th commission. Liz Sanning suggested tabling the discussion until Stewardship is discussed to determine if it should continue under a commission or be its own commission.

The Red, White and Blue Mass was discussed. Father Marty asked Bishop Zinkula if he could celebrate the Mass but he will be in Rome, so Father Marty will be the celebrant. The Mass will be held Monday, September 11 at St. John's Church at 7:30 PM. The responsibility of each commission was determined.

The parish Fall Festival will be held Sunday, October 15th at SSMP Parish Center. Tom and Danielle Chicken will be the chairs for this year. The entire parish needs to be involved as Father Marty explained it is a Divine Mercy event, not a SS. Mary and Patrick event. Tom Chicken provided specific tasks needed during the event. Sign-up sheets will be placed in all the churches.

Under other business, Father Marty announced that Amanda Nichols will be resigning from her position as Youth Minister. Someone was hired to help with Youth Ministry. The parish appreciates Amanda's ministry.

Father Marty had closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser
Divine Mercy Parish Commission Coordinator