

Divine Mercy Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2017

Attendance: Donna Darey, Dave Ehret, Kathy Hass, Mike Lachnitt, Dave Sanning, Liz Sanning Janet Schnoebelen, Joe Spillane, Margie Swanner, Lida Deery, Father Marty, Deacon Bob, LuAnn Glaser

Liz Sanning, council chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Opening prayer was led by Father Marty. Since this was the first meeting of the new council, each of the members introduced themselves and indicated which commission they were representing.

Old Business included a review of the commission roles for the Fall Festival.

The members were asked to remind their commission members to contact all the parishioners who signed up at the Stewardship Fairs. It was stressed that communication is important and we need to respect the needs of all.

The placement of the Stewardship Committee in the commission structure was discussed. It was decided that Deacon Bob and Father Bill will present a recommendation to the council at the next meeting.

Under New Business the All Souls Day Mass and Soup Supper were discussed.

The Christmas Eve Mass at the Burlington Municipal Auditorium was discussed. Due to the concerns with the Auditorium parking lot, as a backup, Notre Dame was contacted about having the Christmas Eve Mass. The attendance at the Mass at the Auditorium ranges from 1300-1700 parishioners. The big gym will seat 1500. Closed circuit TV could be used in the small gym. A shuttle would be used to get bring people from the BHS parking lot to Notre Dame. There won't be room for as many decorations as have been at the Auditorium. Motion was made by Janet Schnoebelen, seconded by Kathy Hass to move the Mass to Notre Dame. The motion was approved. Liz Sanning will check with BHS about using the parking lot.

Motion was made by Janet Schnoebelen, seconded by Margie Swanner to have no meeting in the months of December and July. Motion was approved.

Liz indicated this will be her last year as chair of the Pastoral Council. The council needs to have an election of a vice chair, who would become the Pastoral Council chair next year. The person must serve two years on the council. The decision was made to follow the Covenant Booklet and have the election at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Janet Schnoebelen and Mike Lachnitt seconded to adopt the proposal for which commission will provide the prayer and refreshments for each monthly meeting. Motion carried. Craig Fenton spoke on Transitions DMC. Transitions' long-term goal is to be a homeless shelter and a transition service. They need to put up sheetrock, tape, mud, paint, and put in a furnace, which is paid for. He would like to see Catholics step up and adopt a room. The bathroom will cost \$5000, the office \$2500. Lida Derry offered to go with Craig to other churches. Joe Spillane made a motion that the parish target the bathroom, Mike Lachnitt seconded, and the motion passed. Liz indicated that since this is the first night of the new commissions, goal setting will be done and each commission will include something to be done for Transitions DMC. Deacon Bob led closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser
Divine Mercy Commission Coordinator