

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017

Father Mark, Alicia Hayes, Mike Saunders, Jan Morey, Paula Zishka, Joanne Acinger-Vancas, Ken Mark, Chris Donnelly, Kathleen Breuer and Nancy Lanza were in attendance.

Father Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. The April minutes were approved as written.

Finance Committee: Chris reported the parish finances are in good standing. Normal expenses occurred for the month, with no major repairs needed in the parish at this time.

Parish Office: Kathleen reported our pest management company, Smithereen, will treat the portico and lawn area for insects the week before the parish picnic. Church Budget Envelope & Mailing Co. provided information on their tithing envelopes for parishes. The Council recommended to have Kathleen ask for a competitive bid from our current envelope provider when it's time to order the 2018-2019 envelopes. The Council will then consider their information for the future. Kathleen also indicated the frozen pork donated by a parishioner will be available later this week. When the meat arrives, Kathleen will contact Janet Stuke for distribution to families in need.

Religious Education: Nancy announced first Communion and graduation Masses went well. VBS planning is underway for June 19-23. Jay Thompson has volunteered to teach the 7th-grade class next year. Evan Dean has volunteered to teach the 3rd- and 4th-grade class next year. Bailey Shirley will continue preschool class this summer during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. There are two R.E. teaching positions open for next year. Nancy reported the overall attendance for R.E. classes has increased this year which was a goal set last fall. Great job, Nancy and Jennifer.

Facilities Advisory Committee: Michael Davenport was unable to attend the meeting. A parishioner has a concern regarding poor lighting at the south entrance driveway. Jan states it might be necessary to contact Westar Energy to see if the light on the pole can be rotated to provide better light. Also, it was recommended to replace the reflector poles currently by the entrance with some high quality solar lighting along the road each side of the drive.

Old Business: Alicia reports the quilting rack has been acquired by an individual in Eudora. Alicia has purchased the meat for the parish picnic; her son will prepare the meat for the picnic. Paula will work with Betty to purchase the picnic supplies.

New Business: We are preparing for Pastoral Council elections. Mike Saunders and Paula Zishka will be completing their term. We encourage parishioners to consider being on the Council. The Council meets one time per month to help plan for the parish needs and provide support to Father Mark. Talk to a current council members if you are interested. A term is three years.

Father Mark closed with a prayer, adding a special blessing to the arrival of baby Luka. Congratulations, Jennifer and Josey Eastes!

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Mon., June 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

June 4 – Parish picnic, 11:45 a.m. (immediately following 10:30 a.m. Mass)

June 19-23 – VBS week, 5:15 p.m. dinner, 6-8 p.m. activities

June 24 & 25 – Pastoral Council election weekend (ballots taken up during all Masses)