

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes June 12, 2017**

Father Mark, Ron Zishka, Chris Donnelly, Dave Hernandez, Ken Mark, Gloria Reischman, Joanne Acinger-Vancas, Kathleen Breuer, Paula Zishka, Jan Morey, Alicia Hayes, Mike Saunders, Bill Graveman and Mary Beth Nelson were in attendance.

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

Finance Committee: Dave reported the finances for 2017 are on track to remain comparable to 2016. Currently we have \$16,000 in positive cash flow. Year-to-date income is approximately \$4,000 less than this time last year and our expenses also are down \$11,000. Parishioners can request an appointment with the parish office to view monthly or annual finance reports.

Parish Office: Kathleen requested assistance for the visiting missionary priest the weekend of June 23 – 24. Ron and Paula Zishka have volunteered to host the priest for this weekend. We will also vote for one man and one woman to the new Pastoral Council term that weekend as well.

Facilities Advisory Committee: Boone Brothers have completed the repairs on the flat roof part of the parish. Firestone (the company holding the roof warranty) has agreed to have Boone Brothers as the repair contractor for the remaining 7 years on the warranty.

Religious Education: VBS will be held June 19 – 23 each evening from 6-8 p.m., dinner served at 5:15 p.m. Decorating for VBS will begin Thurs., June 15 in the evening. The theme is "Maker Fun Factory." Memorial Day crosses netted an approximate profit of \$400! Fireworks stand will be open Fri., June 30 – Tues., July 4. We are still in need of a 1<sup>st</sup>-grade and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher for Religious Education. These classes will resume in September. Please contact Nancy or Jennifer if you are interested. Class attendance report for the 2016-17 year was around 60% for all classes combined. Special sacrament years, like those receiving First Communion (2<sup>nd</sup>-grade) and confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grades), had around an 80% attendance. The percent of children attending our Religious Education classes has seen a phenomenal increase. Great job, parents!

Guest Appeals: Mart Beth Nelson, in representation of the Stewardship Committee, spoke to the council on revisions made to the volunteer duties/description of ushers & greeters. The goal of the revisions is to have greeters accessible at all doors to welcome parishioners and visitors to the church, which will better create a more hospitable environment at Sacred Heart. A training session will be provided at a future date to update everyone on the new recommendations.

Old Business: Bill Graveman provided a brief overview of his research on the options for a preschool/daycare at the parish. Bill will send out information of this research to all council members and Jennifer and Nancy prior to the next meeting. At the next meeting, the information will be reviewed so that the council can decide whether or not to proceed with a formal plan.

Father Mark closed with a prayer.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting is Sat., July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Ron and Paula Zishka's home.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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)**

**June 30 – July 4 – Youth Group Fireworks Stand fundraiser**