

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

**Attendees:** Father Mark, Ken Mark, Bill Graveman, Jan Morey, Alicia Hayes, Becky Mullins, Chris Donnelly, Dave Hernandez, Joanne Acinger-Vancas, Kathleen Breuer, Jennifer Eastes and Nancy Lanza

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

**Finance Committee:** Kathleen reported that due to the Labor Day holiday, the bank statements were delayed, and so that is why month-end financials were completed later than usual. The committee, however, was still able to recognize that church finances continue to be healthy. Kathleen also reported that parishioners were very generous in their contributions to the hurricane relief (second collection) the weekend of Sept. 9-10. The hurricane relief funds will be forwarded to the archdiocese on Mon., Sept. 25.

**Facilities Advisory Committee:** No report

**Church Cost Task Force:** The Task Force completed its work by updating the 2001 Master Plan. The council determined that information is needed regarding any archdiocesan future plans before any further work is needed.

**Religious Education:** Jennifer and Nancy reported that there are more than 100+ registrants in the Religious Education Program. They also reported that the new attendance policy is generally supported. The purpose of the policy is to help parents and students understand that religious education is more than simply preparation for sacraments. On Wed., Sept. 6, breakfast was served to ten high school students, and dinner that evening was served to 50 students before Religious Education classes that night. The next Youth Group fundraiser will be the Shareholders Dinner. Jennifer modeled the sunflower hats that students and chaperones will wear at NCYC, the four-day trip to Indianapolis. Sixteen students are registered for this trip and the final payment for their reservations has been made. They are excited and Kansas proud!

**Guest Appeals:** No report

### **Old Business:**

*Sacred Heart Little Saint's Daycare* – Bill has begun assembling a Board of Directors and is developing a program which merges the two approaches presented to the council in August. His goal is to present the recommendations of the Board to the council in October. Although licensing through KDHE is about a 3-month process and does not commit the applicant to opening a program, the council did not see any advantage in starting this process at this time. The council voted not to proceed with the licensure process with KDHE until it is needed and we are three months away from a proposed opening date.

*New Parishioners* – Father Mark said many new parishioners are being welcomed into the congregation. The Stewardship Committee is notified when a new registration is received in the office as this falls into their ministry.

*Parish Clean-up Day* – The next parish clean-up day is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m. Jan is preparing a work list for the students, parents and others. She will also have all the cleaning supplies ready.

**New Business:** Pastoral Council is sponsoring the next Cookies, Punch & Reconnecting after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Sept. 30; and the Stewardship Sunday doughnut gathering after both Masses on Sun., Oct. 1.

Father Mark closed the meeting with a prayer.

**The next Pastoral Council Meeting is Mon., Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup>-grade classroom.**