

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2017

Present: Ted Seeber, Mila Maskell, Marge Mey, Marsha Weber, William Good, Bryan Mullen, Earl Freepons, Asha Petovsky, Christina Reilly Jessica Falken

Ad Hoc: Fr. Don

Prayer and Welcome

Meeting began with potluck dinner to welcome new members: Earl Freepons, Asha Petovsky and Christina Reilly and to bid adieu to Ted Seeber and Teresa Duda (not present) who have completed their terms. Many thanks were given for the faithful work Ted and Theresa have given to the council and the entire parish through their involvement. Mila Maskell has stepped up to chair the Pastoral Council.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Introductions made to the new members and an explanation of how the council functions. New members were asked to consider which of the commissions (Liturgy, Education or Community Life) they would like to represent and to let members know their choice know at the September meeting.

Pastor's Report:

A contract has been signed to do a Feasability Study on the proposed addition to the school that would include a resource room, science room and possibly a faculty room.

Following discussions it has been decided that the infant care space will remain in the school because the priest's house would require extensive modifications. The possibility of using the house as transition housing for refugees is being considered and discussions with Catholic Charities reps are ongoing.

A new sound system will be installed in the church during the last week in August. The money for this project comes from the Next Generation Fund and an anonymous donation.

Summer maintenance projects include repainting of the Reconciliation Room, restrooms, outdoor church trim and gymnasium floor refinishing. A safety grant from the Archdiocese is allowing security cameras to be installed in parish offices as well as basement entry doors

Terry Cozzolli retired and Shelley Worrell has accepted her position as parish business manager.

August 13th will be the Feast of St. Clare celebration. The celebration will include a meal following the 10:45 mass and opportunity to discuss the Rediscovering Jesus book the parish read throughout the weeks of the Easter season. (additional books have been ordered since all were taken) Pia will be looking for someone to chair the celebration meal.

52 children signed up for vacation bible school.

The Junque and Jewels sale garnered approx. \$13,000. The donations of big ticket items were down this year and that coupled with temperatures of over 100 that weekend effected the profit.

Education Commission – Schools out. No report.

Liturgy Commission – No official report.

Community Life Commission --- Marianne DiGuilio will chair the Parish Picnic. There will be a mass as usual on the Saturday evening prior to the event in September but there will be one mass outside on Sunday --- if weather permits,

Outreach Commission--- The Jesuit volunteers have moved on from St. Andres Bessette parish leaving only one in place. Consequently there will be a search for more volunteers.

St. Clare St. Vincent de Paul is also in need of more volunteers.

Suggestion made for a more specific request for food during summer months.

The district Peace and Justice meeting will be held in August. St. Clare parish is represented by Marge Mey.

Meeting adjourned. **Next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m., parish office basement.**

