

Present: Mila Maskel, Asha Petovsky, Marge Mey, Earl Freepons, , Jessica Falken, William Good, Marsha Weber

Ad hoc: Fr. Don

Prayer and welcome

July Minutes were read and approved (with corrections)

Pastor's Report

There are 205 students in the school. This number is down 10 from last year and reflects a trend seen in other schools in the archdiocese.

Gym floor has been refinished. A substantial grant and donations covered the work on the floor, painting and new scoreboards..

Fr. Don was pleased with the St. Clare Festival and very inspired by the discussions following it: The biggest change is that the parish subsidy will be 15 % just 5% below the 20% suggested by the archdiocese and a marked change for the better from the past few years.

Parishioners donated \$4300 toward Flood Relief/ Catholic Charities.

New sound system will be completed Sept 7, 2017.

Christmas Mass schedule” Christmas falls on a Monday in 2017. There will be one mass on Sunday at 10 a.m. Christmas Eve masses will be at 4, 6 and 10 p.m. Christmas Day mass , Monday 10 a.m. Discussion followed on how to encourage people to attend the 6 pm mass so that the 4 pm isn't so crowded.

The parish is looking for a co-leader for the refugee ministry which is looking at the possibility of using the former pastor's house as transitional housing for refugee families brought to Portland by Catholic Charities.

Education

School opened with 3 new staff members. There is new carpet in the school library, new computers, new laptops for the teachers and there have been repairs made in the rest rooms.

Liturgy:

Organ tuning will happen when the rain falls. Some parts of the organ are in need of repair. OCP grant was not awarded. Brief discussion of projecting words of songs on the screen behind the altar.

Outreach:

St. Andre Bessette has cancelled Saturday morning meals. Volunteers are needed for Friday evenings. Suggestion made that youth serve meals for service hours. Chaperones are needed if volunteers are under 18..

Formed, an online resource produced by the St. Augustine Institute, will be available to parishioners for a year.

Commission Liaisons

Education: Jessica Falken & Christina Reilly

Liturgy – William Good

Outreach --- Bryan Mullen, Marge Mey, Asha Petovsky

Community Life --- Marsha Weber & Earl Freepons

Suggestion made that a “youth” representative serve on the Pastoral Council for a year rather than the 3 year term served by adults. Discussion of what age would be best. Members will give thought to this idea and will discuss it at the net meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18 --- 6:30 p.m.