

Pastoral Council Meeting

August 13, 2019

Members Present: Father Dale Cieslik, Louis Leppert, Rhonda Abner, Nancy Collett, Doug Cruise, Jim Ernspiker, Joey Followay, Eric Guy, Sharon Mann, Alexandra Rogers, Michael Thomas, Chris Williams and Al Zielberg.

Not Present: Roy Greenwell and Ed Scott

Also Present: Seminarian Fermin Luna, Guest and Regina King to report on the 2019 Super Raffle.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Chairman Lou Leppert directed a review of the June meeting minutes. Al Zielberg moved the minutes be approved as written, Chris Williams seconded, all in favor.

Regina King reported on the 2019 Super Raffle. Regina and Murray King are the co-chairs of this year's raffle which will kick-off Labor Day Weekend. It will run seven weeks until October 9th. Derby City Pizza will sponsor the printing of the tickets again this year and offer free cheesy bread with purchase of a pizza for each ticket sold. This year the committee is trying some new things to increase online sales. They will utilize two mailings through ValPak. Thirty thousand households in Mount Washington, Shepherdsville, Maryville, Hillview and Fern Creek will receive Super Raffle online ticket advertising the first week of the campaign. This has been successful for other parishes. The second mailing will go out October 1 to 10,000 households in J-Town and Fisherville. The sale of 30 tickets online will cover the ValPak cost. Jeremy Wheatley is doing a 14-day Facebook Boost starting the first week of September. This daily boost will reach 1600 people per day and covers Bullitt County, Bardstown, Taylorsville, Okolona, Fern Creek and J-town. There will also be ads in the Record and Community sections of the Pioneer News. There will also be sales from a booth rental at the Bardstown Craft Fair in October. There are 248 volunteer slots that need to be filled for distribution of tickets and canopy sales. Super Raffle Committee members are meeting with every ministry in the church to encourage participation. Sign-up is available through committee members or Sign-Up Genius.

Pastor's Report –Appropriate paperwork on the Long Range Plan is forthcoming from the Archdiocese and Mitchell Elder will give a more thorough report at next month's meeting.

Implementation of Safety & Security measures will be September 7-8.

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day September 2nd.

The Parish Staff will attend "Interpersonal Skills for Effective Ministry" with Dr. Emily Cash 9/19.

There will be a Mount Washington Ministers meeting 10/17 at 1:00 p.m. It will be hosted by Chief Troy Pitcock at MW Police Headquarters as part of a Community Awareness program.

Upcoming Parish Staff meetings: 8/29, 9/26, 10/31 & 11/21.

Father gave an update on Archbishop Kurtz's current cancer treatment and requested prayers.

Also on Father's Calendar:

Priests' Support Group @ SFX 8/22

Archdiocesan Historian work @ Archives (Mondays, ongoing)

Priests' Personnel Board (Peer Group II Rep, 3-year term) will meet 9/12, 10/11 & 11/7.

Retreat @ St. Meinrad Monastery 10/21-25.

Old Business – Lou welcomed Seminarian Fermin Luna and new Council members Doug Cruise and Jim Ernspiker (alternate).

The POSC work continues awaiting Archdiocesan documents.

New Business – Father asked members to plan the date for the December Holiday gathering of Pastoral Council/ Parish Staff. Tentative date is December 14th @ 6:00 p.m.

Chris Williams is now the Finance Committee Chair.

Committee Reports

Administration – Chris Williams

The 3rd Quarter Crossroads Messenger will be mailed out the first week of September.

Archdiocese auditors will be at SFX 8/26 for the annual audit. An accountability report will include info from all church ministries concerning activities over the past fiscal year.

Michael Thomas updated the Council on the Parish Security/Emergency Committee. Beginning September 7-8, the side doors will be locked by the Hospitality Staff when Mass begins. The main back doors will remain open for now. Emergency equipment/procedures will be reviewed with HS 8/17-18. Eventually, a two-member Safety/Security team will be at every mass in addition to HS members. This team will have walkie-talkies and do on-site patrols during mass. The PSEC will also have sign-ups for anyone interested in CPR training. The committee meets again 8/21.

Formation – Al Zielberg

The TGIF group is now the SFX Youth Group. They meet on Sunday nights and the current topic is "Theology of the Body."

The Wednesday night Parent group, PGIF, meets weekly.

Ten youth and leaders Joe Recktenwald & Dave Richardson will attend the Indianapolis NCYC in November.

RCIA begins 8/18 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Currently, two young adults and two high school age youth are enrolled.

Wednesday evening Bible study classes will resume 8/28 with the topic of "Our Father's Plan." The Monday morning study will begin the Monday after Labor Day. This year's topic is "Opening the Word."

Religious Education classes resume September 4th. There will be a teachers meeting 8/21 and a Safe Environment class 10/21. An RE parent meeting will be 9/18. There are currently 3 children registered for the Pre-K class and the 8th grade RE will meet on Sunday evenings while all other classes meet Wednesdays.

The Garden ministry continues to provide fresh vegetables to the Mount Washington Community ministries. The harvest has been somewhat less this year due to weather conditions of too much rain followed by extreme heat and moderate drought. Ministry members took a lunch to workers at Country Corner Greenhouse in appreciation for their donations of plants to the garden ministry.

Parish Life – Nancy Collett

The Outreach ministry will reduce hours to one day a week, Thursday mornings only beginning August 1st due to very low turnout on Tuesday mornings.

Rosary Makers are looking at the possibility of selling rosaries outside of our parish and are considering a booth at the Bardstown Arts & Crafts Show.

Women's Club will have a Bunco on 9/26 and the annual Christmas Bazaar on 11/2.

Final Financials on the Picnic are forthcoming as is a wrap-up committee meeting. An article with a recap of picnic events will appear in the upcoming Crossroads Messenger.

Stewardship

Father reported there will be a meeting on August 22nd and that Ed Scott is currently working on the new parish website.

Worship – Eric Guy

The next meeting is August 20th.

Meeting ended with prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, September 10th @ 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by Rhonda Abner, Pastoral Council Secretary