

Unapproved Minutes of May 16, 2017

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES for Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Members Present: Fr. Gordon, Donna Burnett, Lisa Lee, Jessica Hillard, Theresa Pollard, Bill Stroup, Nancy Accardo, Dcn. Bryan Root, Virginia Palinsky, Carol Lawrence, Becky Root

Members Absent: Barb Bishop, Angela Campbell, Gloria Davis

Meeting opened at 7:25 p.m. with a prayer.

Minutes from Tuesday, March 21, 2017 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Witness to Hope – Diocesan Capital Campaign: The remaining packets that were not picked up were mailed to parishioners. To date there have been 37 pledges and 2/3 of our parish goal has been met. Fr. Gordon would love to see more parish participation. The weekend of Pentecost will be Participation Weekend where all parishioners will be encouraged to respond if they have pledged, will pledge, or not able to pledge.
- 2) Cross Walk: Around 100 people participated in the 2nd Cross Walk on Palm Sunday.
- 3) Ordination: Dcn. Bryan had a beautiful ordination ceremony into the diaconate on Saturday, May 13th. He thanked everyone for the reception following the 4:00 p.m. Mass that day. There was a nice turn out of people with good food and entertainment. Dcn. Bryan will get to participate in Dcn. Tony Smela's ordination into the priesthood on Saturday, June 10th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Parish Directory: We have our set of dates for July and September to take pictures for our parish directory. There will be sign up sheets after Mass and also online for parishioners to sign up for a date and time to have their family portrait taken. Everyone who participates will get a free 8x10 portrait and a parish directory even if they do not purchase any pictures.
- 2) Reception: There will be a reception for Dcn. (Fr.) Tony after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 24th.
- 3) Parish Council: Our next council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 20th. There will be no meeting in July.
- 4) Donation: Dcn. Bryan is donating a tree to replace the one that was uprooted this past winter during the high wind storm.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

- 1) Knights of Columbus (Dcn. Bryan Root)
 - a. The Knights had their Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 5th. Congratulations to Ray Andres for Knight of the Year and Pat & Sandy Bisson for Family of the Year.
 - b. The tootsie roll drive brought in a record of \$8,600.00.
 - c. The Knights are sponsoring the 5th Annual Kids Fishing Derby Clinic on Saturday, June 10th.
 - d. The Knights will be taking a bus along with the altar servers to Vocations Day at the Lugnuts game in Lansing on August 11th.
- 2) Legion of Mary (Becky Root)
 - a. The Legion of Mary showed the movie on Fatima after Mass on Sunday, May 7th.
 - b. The Legion is still planning on doing door to door evangelization along with Dcn. Tony.
 - c. The Legion would like to have a church banner made for the Blueberry Festival in August.

COMMISSIONS

- 1) Finance (Virginia Palinsky)
 - a. The average number of users of contribution envelopes is 84 as compared to 73 users at this time last year. Sunday contributions are above budget by around \$9,500.00.
- 2) Christian Service (Theresa Pollard)
 - a. Book Club will have their final meeting on Monday, May 22nd before breaking for the summer.
 - b. Christian service will have cake and carnations for the high school graduates on Sunday, May 21st.
- 3) Worship (Donna Burnett)
 - a. No Report.
- 4) Website (Carol Lawrence)
 - a. Carol reported that 100% of traffic to the website is through links. 40% through mobile phones, 10% from tablets, and the remaining through desk top computers.
 - b. Carol put a Rosary button on the website and also a link for Fr. Anthony's sermons on the Eucharist. There is also one on the parish app.

BINGO (Gloria Davis)

- a. No Report.

Youth Group (Jessica Hillard)

- 1) Jessica reported that 12 teens attended the Subiaco Retreat.
- 2) Six seniors will be attending the Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 21st. Sam Cook was awarded the outstanding senior award and \$100.00.
- 3) Four confirmation students attended the Youth Group Senior Night on Sunday, May 7th.
- 4) The Youth Group will continue doing the Youth Masses during the summer months.
- 5) The Scrapbooking Crop is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th.

DRE (Lisa Lee)

- 1) There was a wonderful turn out for the May Crowning on Tuesday, May 2nd.
- 2) The rehearsal for Confirmation will be on Friday, May 19th and Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 21st at St. John Vianney Church. Good Shepherd has 7 students being Confirmed this year.
- 3) Lisa attended a two day Diocesan Retreat at the Bethany House. Next year one will be offered for the volunteer catechist.

Member-at-large (Nancy Accardo, Barb Bishop, Angela Campbell)

- 1) Nancy indicated that a couple of the spot lights were out in the church.
- 2) Nancy asked if funerals could be announced in the announcements.

Fr. Gordon

- 1) The Fortnight to Freedom Novena will begin on June 21st to July 4th.
- 2) The Diocese is holding FaithFest on Saturday, June 24th on the grounds of St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The festival has music and activities for the whole family with Mass later in the day with Bishop Boyea.
- 3) Father would like to offer Friday Adoration and Benediction and asked the council if there would be an interest in an all night Exposition. He would like to plan for one on a Friday evening / Saturday morning in July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kaczmarczyk
Secretary