

## Minutes from September 19, 2019

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Present: Deacon John, Tim Yohe, Laura Miller, Suzee Irwin, Nikki Bircher, Mary Bankston, Karen Lightfoot

I. Opening Prayer led by Suzee Irwin

II. Parish Finances:

- Cost of tree removal along west side of church was \$3,900. The removal was necessary for safety concerns and to protect church property.
- There are 3 or 4 spots where water is seeping into church-Stan Mauk has agreed to tuck point these areas. Immaculate will need to furnish lifts.
- Roof is leaking due to cracking around the ice breaks, cost to fix is \$7,400.
- Financially the parish is at a critical level.

III. Updates from Deacon John:

- Archdiocese has given permission to proceed with sale of Annex as long as the sale price is not lower than the appraisal of \$105,000. Deacon John has started negotiations with L'Arche with an asking price of \$125,000.
- Stewardship Sundays begin at the end of September, Tom Hannon will address the congregation the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October, the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Fr. Pete will be on vacation from 09/30 until 10/16; visiting priests will be filling in while he is away.
- Sunday, 10/06 there will be the blessing of pets
- The 1<sup>st</sup> week-end of October's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the Diaconate program. This helps defray the cost for individuals currently in the program. Larry Nations will be receiving his 1<sup>st</sup> blessing "Rite of Candidacy" on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Mass attendance counts will be taken the first 3 weekends in October. The Archdiocese uses this information for future planning. (ie: staffing)
- Mgr. Morris will need to start devoting more of his time to the Oratory, Immaculate will be looking for another priest to say the Saturday Mass.
- Deacon John to apply for a grant to replace current car port with one that will extend to door of food pantry to help eliminate inclement weather issues.

IV. Update on PSR Program:

- PSR may need to be closed after the current program year. There are only 26 children enrolled and 2 of the grade levels have only 1 child each.
- The program may be ineffective due to the current culture our children are being exposed to. Society is telling our children God is irrelevant therefore he doesn't matter. This is in direct conflict with anything they are being taught in class. Another issue may be class time.
- Parish may need to help the PSR program financially as tuition received will not cover expenses.

V. Update on Trivia Night:

- Committee has come up with some creative silent auction ideas which will not cost the parish anything. (ie: 1<sup>st</sup> pew reserved for holidays, reserved parking spot)
- Goal is to raise \$10,000-cost is \$200 per table with a maximum of 10 people per table. Would like to sell 37 tables which is the maximum that can be set up.
- Will not have to pay for questions as someone in the community is preparing them.
- Both prior and during Trivia Night "pieces" of the Rose Window will be sold. This will be a totally separate fund raiser to try and raise the \$10,000 needed to repair the window.

VI. Closing prayer led by Deacon John

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.