

St. Mary Church
MINUTES
from **PASTORAL COUNCIL** Meeting of OCTOBER 4, 2017

I. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair J. Maxwell

II. **Moment of Silence** to reflect on the Presence of the Lord

III. **Opening Prayer** – Attachment I. Ray Martin

IV. **Roll Call:** Secretary D. Gatchell

Present: Father Hummer, Joy Maxwell, Don Gatchell, Gina Benson, AJ Hamburger, Kris Littler, Ray Martin, Diane Neal, Mark Unger, Jen Slater, Sue Blum, Dave Lanning, Karen Leeth

Excused: Rachel Corcoran, Dennis Alberta, Stacy Brooks, Katie Boesch

Recognition of Visitors: N/A

V. **Spiritual Reading, Reflection and Faith Sharing:** R. Martin

Ray reflected on the mission of a follower of Christ to leave all current life behind to follow Him. However, Father reminded us that sacrifice will depend on one's situation and other vital responsibilities such as a spouse & children. One should sacrifice to follow the Lord, but how that is done varies among the followers.

VI. **Reading of the Mission Statement:** Article III. : D. Gatchell

VII. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Approval of the Minutes: J. Maxwell

VIII. **Remarks about Council Matters:** J. Maxwell

IX. **Committee Reports:**

a) Spiritual Life: J. Maxwell for K. Boesch

The Pink Mass Tuesday evening for those battling illness was well-received by parishioners. Father Hummer's anointing made the Mass very special. Parish will again participate in the Angel Tree Christmas project for children of prisoners. We will take 10 children & spend \$25 on each one. We will also help with the J.C.s Christmas for Children by taking 20 names. More information to follow. All Saint's Day Masses are November 1st at 10am @ BF School & 5pm at the Office chapel.

b) Education: S. Blum

Bishop Flaget school report October 2017: Installation of new playground was delayed but began this week. The school year was briefly disrupted by a sewer line break in September, but it has been replaced as far as possible without further disruption to the school year. Next summer we will complete those repairs. Our student-run branch of the Atomic Credit union is up and running. Students may access their accounts at school on Tuesday afternoons or at any Atomic Credit Union branch for a no-fee savings account. Our Cross Country teams are off to a strong start with the girls taking 1st place at all meets except one and the boys turning in strong performances also. Tonight (10/4) the girls came in 1st and the boys came in 2nd at the Moore Farm CC meet. Annual Magazine Sale kicks off October 10th. November 18th is Christmas Bazaar & Noodle Dinner. Christmas program is December 14th.

c) Social Concerns: D. Lanning

St. Vincent de Paul: In September, there were 102 visits for assistance with 335 disbursements of assistance for 120 children & 215 adults. \$2,769.47 was spent with utilities & food being the primary areas. Society will receive \$2500 grant from David Meade Massie Trust compared to \$5000 last year.

Red Cross Blood Drive October 5th noon-5pm in the family Life Center.

d) Family Life Committee: K. Leeth

Please plan on coming over for Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, October 15th, after each of the Sunday mass times. Please remember we will be selling ornaments for \$10.00 and Church directories for \$10.00 during this time. **These will make great family gifts for Christmas!** Our committee would love for you to consider getting involved with our group but most importantly serve God, find fellowship and meet the needs of our parish. Please contact Karen Leeth @ #740-703-8582, or @ leethfamily@roadrunner.com to get involved.

Lazarus Committee: K. Leeth

Thank you to the Lazarus committee members for all the wonderful food and support they give our parish families. They hosted a luncheon on September 5th for the family & friends of Susan Schneider. If you would like to help or just provide a dish, please contact Pat Reed at the church or Karen Leeth. Food is always needed & welcome.

e) Finance Council: No Report (will meet next week)

f) Deanery Report: No Report

g) Knights of Columbus: A.J. Hamburger

Spaghetti Dinner will be held Oct. 7th after Mass as fundraiser for poor Mexican parish. Evening will include 'silent auction' of hand-made silver items from Mexico. KofC will help with trick or treat event at Bishop Flaget on Oct. 29th from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

X. **Pastor's Report**: Father Hummer

November 1st is All Saints Day, a Holy Day. Father presided over 2 weddings recently. Grief Relief sessions begin soon.

XI. **Old Business**: N/A

XII. **New Business**:

Big Brother/Big Sister ChickFillet fundraiser Oct. 11th 4:30 – 6:30pm in Family Life Center.

XIII. **Correspondence**: N/A

XIV. **Secret Collection for St. Vincent de Paul**

XV. **Moment of Silence**

XVI. **Closing Prayer** – *Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer*

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2017 {Meet early @ 6:00pm after Holy Day Mass}

>> A pizza meal will be served by Karen @ 6:00 before the meeting<<

November Spiritual Reflection: Dennis Alberta