

St. Augustine Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes October 9, 2017

Present: Pat Urban, Fred Furtek, Pat Williams, Chris VanderVoort, Anne Domanico, Jim McKenna, Mike Conway, Dave Klementowski, Debbie Krisher, Lynn Shepard Scott, Dc. John Pedrotti

Excused: Fr. Cliff Auth, Dan Rys

Welcome:	Pat Urban	Meeting started at 6:30 pm. All were appreciative of the delicious meal supplied by Fr. Cliff (with salad & dessert assistance from Pat Urban.)
Opening Prayer:	Mike Conway	
Approve Minutes from September 2017 Meeting		Several changes were requested and with those changes, the minutes of the September 2017 meeting were approved (Pat W moved and Anne D seconded.)
Sign up for Opening Prayer	All	
Suggestion Box Report:	Chris VanderVoort	<p>No new suggestions were submitted in the past month.</p> <p>Continued discussion on the previous month's suggestion regarding the need for increased communication with the other committees and all parishioners.</p> <p>Communication is something that we need to take extra steps to ensure the communication needed with the other committees and the parish members. Go beyond the big things to keep people up to date on the little things. More communication, more transparency, and the better the relationships we develop within the parish.</p> <p>Suggestions discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Council members actively reaching out to parishioners for feedback • putting Pastoral Council information on our website • putting information on Facebook • having Pastoral Council members introduced and present at masses every month, the weekend before Pastoral Council meetings to provide more opportunities for members to speak with members and offer suggestions/feedback • Pastoral Council members wearing name tags during mass •

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • put articles & picture of the in Pastoral Council the bulletin periodically • putting the Pastoral Council minutes on the website (already posted in the foyer) • adding a standing agenda item to each month's Pastoral Council meeting to discuss what members are hearing from parishioners. <p>Action will be taken on all of these suggestions over the next couple of months.</p> <p>This will be an ongoing discussion item as the Pastoral Council strives to improve our communication and connection with the parish.</p>
Parish Outreach	Anne Domanico	Social Action Ministry just met and had a good turnout. Discussion with Cole Z - who has been working with the migrant workers.
Prayer Life & Worship (Liturgy Report)	Jim McKenna	New Beginnings picnic was a great event. Kitchen staff was great! Slightly lower attendance this year.
Stewardship	Fred Furtek	<p>Finance is monitoring the budget and revenue has been good through the transition. Capital decisions will be made later after we know more about our diocesan assessments.</p> <p>Fundraising : The Happy Holidays fundraising ticket sales are below where we have been in prior years by 60-90 tickets. Discussion about letting the parish know where we are in ticket sales compared to our goal, may want to use a thermometer with a ticket goal. Fred will follow up on this. Need to talk up the event.</p>
Spiritual Development Covenant Weekend	Pat Urban	<p>RCIA classes have begun.</p> <p>Covenant Weekend April 28-29, 2018 has been confirmed. Will begin to recruit co-chairs for the event. Last year's chairs kept notes on changes that will need to be made and how things worked. Booklet will have some changes, i.e., addition of Coffee & Donuts Ministry, Monica's Circle and others are listed in the notes from this past year's weekend.</p> <p>Mike Conway is interested in being one of the co-chairs.</p> <p>Chris Vander Voort will work with Meg to get something into the bulletin advertising for someone interested in party planning as these skills are needed.</p>

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		All PC members are asked to volunteer that weekend if possible.
Business for Further Discussion: Youth Programming		Jim Garvey and Kris Skinner will come to the next Pastoral Council meeting to discuss youth programming and help brainstorm ideas with the Pastoral Council.
Coffee and Donuts		A number of people have signed up to assist with coffee & donuts. Still working on identifying a coordinator. This will be a new ministry for next year.
Pastor's Comments		Delayed until the next meeting
Other		
Diocesan "Road Show" October 23rd, 7-9pm at Pope John XXIII in Liverpool. Topic: "Equipping Missionary Disciples."	Chris Vander Voort/Dc John Pedrotti	These events are held three times a year and all Pastoral Council members are welcome to attend. Parishioners are also welcome to attend. Past events have been very good. Chris Vander Voort will send registration information out to all Pastoral Council members.
Reaching out to our neighbor church on Obrien Road	Mike Conway	Brief discussion on how we can reach out to the Genete Denagil St. Arsema & St. Kristos Semra Ethiopian Orthodox Monastery. Mike will continue to explore this.
Moving to Fair Trade coffee and biodegradable or reusable cups	Dc. John Pedrotti	Have an opportunity to improve our environmental footprint and supporting fair trade coffee and to have single budget for coffee to gain some economies of scale rather than have each committee purchase coffee for their events. Research will need to be done to explore costs. New chair of the Coffee and Donuts Hospitality Ministry can weigh in on this. Debbie Krisher will communicate with staff to see what costs might be. This will continue to be discussed.
Holiday Schedules	Debbie Krisher	Holiday schedules have not been finalized and should be within the next several weeks.
Where was God this evening?	All	
Closing Prayer	All	Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.