

St. Augustine Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

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

Excused: Fr. Cliff Auth

Welcome:	Pat Urban	Meeting started at 6:25 pm. All were appreciative of the delicious meal supplied by Jim
Opening Prayer:	Dave Klementowski	
Approve Minutes from November 2017 Meeting	Pat Urban moved Anne D seconded	Minutes from the November 2017 meeting were approved with corrections
Suggestion Box Report:	Chris VanderVoort	One suggestion was received regarding having more opportunities for parishioners to interact with the pastor after mass. The suggestion was discussed and understood by the members. The mass schedule is still evolving as previous commitments must be honored. The concern will be shared and be considered as the schedule continues to evolve. This is a work in progress.
Parish Outreach	Anne Domanico	Parish Outreach is in full swing with Christmas, refugee jackets, O'Brien Road apartments activities underway.
Prayer Life & Worship (Liturgy Report)	Jim McKenna	The Cantor will sing the responsorial readings without crossing the alter in order to improve flow and not serve as a distraction. Thanksgiving Day mass had very high attendance this year Gather books will be marked soon. Still working on identifying a preside for the Men's Retreat. Women's Retreat is the weekend of March 2 nd .
Stewardship	Fred Furtek	Fall clean up was finished and a new tractor has been ordered Chris Raddell announced that there is an anonymous donor for outdoor lighting and there are plans for some grouting and window repairs. Fred and Mary Ann co-chaired the Happy Holidays and offer this report. Fred reviewed the process for printing the tickets and the whole committee stuffs the envelopes that are mailed out before the first weekend that the tickets will be sold. Baskets are coordinated by Jo Ann Keating and Mary Ann Furtek – they did a great job and had 30 baskets. Lots of business solicitation is involved in getting the items for the baskets donated. 92 businesses were approached and we received 39 business donations. Fred does a lot of this.

		<p>Committee members staff the ticket sales and basket raffle sales and covered 29 masses and 3 times in between masses.</p> <p>Kathy Raddell works with Fred on the planning for the Grand Finale. Kitchen crew is excellent with Nick Kurpita running the kitchen. The accountant is present at the event and that helps with the flow. Desserts were done differently this year.</p> <p>Three good things for 2017 – with the emphasis from the pulpit and the graphics showing where we were with ticket sales, and the ability to print the names for the theme baskets, we were able to sell more tickets this year.</p> <p>Everyone on the waiting list to go to the Grand Finale was offered a chance to go.</p> <p>Raffle tickets hit a record, selling 884. Basket Tickets were about 6000, also a record. 50/50 ticket sales were strong also.</p> <p>Happy Holidays netted \$12, 275, which is about \$1,074 over 2016.</p> <p>Discussed sustainability of the event planning. Thoughts were to split up tasks to include others. Nick K will be stepping back as Rich Castellini steps up next year. Discussion regarding ticket prices and charging separately for the dinner, a topic that comes up each year.</p> <p>Everyone thanked Fred and his team for a great job again!</p>
Spiritual Development	Pat Urban	Nothing new to report since the last meeting.
Business for Further Discussion: 1. Covenant weekend: Chair & Date of the event	Pat Urban & all members	Pat U and Mike broke up the tasks from last year for all members to sign up for their role in the weekend. And pastoral council members Discussion regarding the date of Covenant Weekend as to what might work best occurred with the consensus arriving at June 2 & 3, 2018 for next year's covenant weekend.
2. "Me, Rudy, and God" book	Anne Domanico	There was no interest in using this book for a fundraiser.
3. Card to neighboring church	Mike Conway	Will get a card to them after the new year.
Pastor's Comments		No report.
Where was God this evening? What is the community saying?	All	Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm
Closing Prayer		