**St. Joan of Arc ~ Pastoral Council Minutes**

**February 4, 2019**

**Attendance**: Fr. Willie Franken, Ray Ford, Chuck Hoppe, Terry Welker, Dick Berndt, Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Lou Kosydar, Roseanne Dowdy, Jack Fuller, Bob Chrest, Tony Smith, Ginger Bahr and Nancy Schmidt

**Absent**: all present

1. **Opening Prayer**: Bob Chrest
2. **Agenda Items**:

* Minutes from January meeting were approved
* Parish Calendar Review February through April
  + Reviewed the parish calendar & Deacon Ray highlighted upcoming events between now and Easter in April.
* **Fr Willie Pastor’s Report (see attached)**
  + Catholic Schools Week Bishop Brennan was very complimentary about St. Joan of Arc School. He would like us to reach out to more minorities. He expressed the need for more space for the school
  + 100th anniversary committee continues to meet and iron out details for the year-long celebration.
  + Couples dinner on Feb. 16th. We are hoping for a minimum of 50 people to come out for the evening.
  + February 17th is announcement weekend for Annual appeal for Catholic Ministries. February 24th is commitment weekend. March 3 is follow-up weekend. No monies will be used for any type of lawsuit settlement.
  + Liturgy committee will be meeting this weekend to discuss Lenten theme
  + 03/23 Mens conference and 03/30 Womens day of Reflection.
  + New monstrance has been purchased for Eucharistic Adoration.
* **Financial Update Lou Kosydar (see attached)**
  + Offertory is still ahead
  + Trust fund is running nicely
* **School updates Ginger Bahr (see attached)**
  + Enrollment is just shy of 200 students
  + Registration is going very well for next year
  + Biship Brennan’s visit during catholic schools week was wonderful
  + Catholic Schools week parent’s visit was rescheduled due to weather
  + Snowball was attended by approximately 75 people. Perhaps impacted by the date having to be rescheduled.
  + Stem camp scheduled 07/15-07/19. STEM teacher Mrs. Tokarski named to STEM teacher forum
  + Summer Camp proposal (see attached) parents have been requesting
* **Faith Formation update: Dick Berndt**
  + RCIA ~ four candidates will celebrate at the Easter Vigil. Very family oriented for our RCIA program this year. Please pray for them during this formation period.
  + Confirmation ~ Parents have been journeying with their youth and both are utilizing the Alpha program. Parents completed the first session and have elected to do the second session and have built a small group community. Please continue to lift them in your prayers also.
  + Alpha team of young adults is wrapping up over the next couple of weeks.
  + Alpha will be run again and open to the whole parish on Tuesday evenings ~ please consider reaching out and inviting a friend.
* **Respect life committee update: Nancy Schmidt**
  + Respect life calendar has been submitted for the year.
  + **Movie day on 03/03 after 11:15 Mass. Details in the bulletin.**
  + Looking ahead to Maryland March for Life on March 4th. Encouraging parishioners to consider attending.
  + May 11 & 12 will be a collection for Alpha’s Glory and a celebration of our spiritual adoptions.
  + August 7th we will offer a prayer service for those that have lost a child.
  + November we are planning an END OF LIFE seminar.
* Strategic Plan & Assessment Feedback – Deacon Ray
  + Please look over the modification & Actions for 2019 and send feedback to deacon Ray
  + We are looking to put initiatives and actions in place to move forward with our strategic plan.

**Our next pastoral council meeting will be March 4th at 6:30 in the meeting house.**

The prayer next month will be led by Ray Ford

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schmidt