

**St. Joan of Arc**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**October 2, 2017**

**Attendance:** Fr. Willie Franken, Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Ginger Bahr, Tony Smith, Bob Chrest, Terry Welker, Ray Ford, Ed Boris and Nancy Schmidt

**Absent:** Roxanne Robin & Dick Berndt

1. **Opening Prayer:** Bob Chrest
2. **Agenda Items:**
  - A. Minutes from September meeting were approved**
  - B. Financial Update from Ed Boris (see attached)**
    1. Pat Michael trust is performing well
    2. Taking the next step was rolled out this weekend and was very helpful last year
    3. Tuition assistance was given from the parish to the school
  - C. Stewardship ~ Fr. Willie**
    1. Take the next step letters have been mailed and this upcoming weekend is commitment weekend. A follow-up letter will be mailed in October to those that have not responded.
    2. In December there will be a meeting about the Archbishop's Annual Appeal
  - D. Strategic Plan update & Implementation from Deacon Ray (see attached slide deck)**
    1. Briefings of the strategic plan have begun. October 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting between the masses to present the plan to the parish.
    2. The strategic plan was shared with the pastoral council and Deacon Ray has asked that the pastoral council review the plan over the next couple of weeks. It is important that the Pastoral Council has an understanding of the plan and considers taking an active role in the plan to support the parish.
  - E. School update**
    1. Current enrollment is 191 students
    2. Crab feast was held on 09/29
    3. 10/21 is the trunk or treat from 2-4pm
    4. A video is being made for marketing purposes and will be used on Aberdeen city website as well as for our own purposes.
    5. Career day is coming up for the students.
    6. Fence is being installed in November on the parking lot.
  - F. Fr. Willie updates**
    1. 09/24 Parish picnic was held and was very successful

2. Harford Refrigeration is coming out to check the systems
3. St. Patricks & St Joan's Youth & Area activities notices in the bulletin
4. 10/10 Brown & Associates yearly review of trust meeting at 7pm in Rectory.  
Ed Boris(finance) and Terry Welker (president) were invited to be present for the 30-40 minute meeting.
5. Christmas schedule is different this year as the fourth Sunday of Advent is Christmas Eve. There will be a 10am Mass for the fourth Sunday of Advent and then 4pm and 7pm Mass for Christmas. Christmas Mass will be 10am.
6. 10/10 begins Discovering Christ program
7. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) begins this weekend.
8. Roof on the parish office (on the right) is leaking and will need a repair.

### **3. Discussion**

1. 10/15 Rosary is being offered between Masses for the anniversary of Fatima at 10am  
All are encouraged to attend.
2. Nancy Schmidt is willing to be Respect Life Coordinator and will work with St. Patrick's Respect Life coordinator and Youth Minister to provide events and information to our parish.

### **4. Closing prayer offered by Bob Chrest**

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30 in the Meeting House.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Nancy Schmidt**