

St. Joan of Arc
Pastoral Council Minutes
September 11, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Willie Franken, Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Dick Berndt, Ginger Bahr, Tony Smith, Bob Chrest, Terry Welker, Ray Ford, Jack Fuller, and Nancy Schmidt

Absent: Roxanne Robin, Ed Boris

1. **Opening Prayer:** Deacon Ray Van Pelt
2. **Introductions:** An opportunity for each person at the table to introduce themselves and share in what capacity they are involved in the parish.
3. **Agenda Items:**
 - A. Discussion of bylaws and the responsibilities of the Pastoral Council – Deacon Ray
 1. Emphasis was placed on being an actively involved Pastoral council and to be a forward looking council for the benefit of the entire parish.
 2. Roles of the Pastoral Council were reviewed and the following positions are filled
 - a. Terry Welker (President)
 - b. Bob Chrest (Vice President)
 - c. Nancy Schmidt (Secretary)
 - B. Update by Fr. Willie (financial see attached)
 1. We were successful with the stewardship program – Taking the next step. It will be repeated at the end of September into early October of this year.
 2. Parish picnic is coming up please join in & be there.
 3. Any question about budget please contact Fr. Willie or Karen Dramis and they will respond.
 4. The financials will also be shared with the parish.
 - C. Update from Dick Berndt
 1. Discovering Christ program is being advertised. Hopeful for 50 participants in this first session.
 2. It is a faith sharing with a great deal of hospitality.
 3. Pastoral council was invited to be involved and show support.
 - D. Update on school from Ginger Bahr (see attached)
 1. Current enrollment is 189 students.
 2. STEM recognition from Notre Dame of MD University – the first school to receive this recognition. Currently applying for STEM accreditation with AdvancEd.

- E. Update from Deacon Ray and Jack Fuller on Strategic Plan Overview
 - 1. Strategic Plan Committee has been working for the past year and has put together a plan and matched it to the Archdiocesan Be Missionary Disciples plan.
 - 2. Planning to brief the Strategic Plan to several groups.
 - a. Pastoral Council
 - b. Parish Staff
 - c. School staff
 - d. Bob Chrest suggested briefing the Parish also and Deacon Ray agreed that was a good idea.
- F. Closing prayer – Deacon Ray

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2017 at 6:30 in the Meeting House.