

St. Joan of Arc

Pastoral Council Minutes

September 10, 2018

Attendance: Fr. Willie, Dick Berndt, Ginger Bahr, Terry Welker, Bob Chrest, Ray Ford, Roseanne Dowdy, Lou Kosydar, and Tony Smith

Absent: Chuck Hoppe, Nancy Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Terry Welker

Agenda Items:

- **Introductions and welcome of new Finance Committee Member, Lou Kosydar**
- **Updates**
 - **Fr. Willie Update**
 - i. Evangelization remains a top priority.
 - ii. Stressed the importance of Pastoral Council presence at Parish Events.
 - iii. A review of facilities and consideration of projects underway.
 - iv. Faith Fest is this coming Sunday, 9/16. Please say prayers that weather does not affect this event.
 - v. SJA is again participating in the Stewardship Program "Take the Next Step"
This was a success last year.
 - 1. 11/3 & 11/4 = Kick-Off Weekend
 - 2. 11/10 & 11/11 Commitment Weekend
 - **Finance Update**
 - i. Budget continues to be healthy
 - **School Updates ~ Ginger Bahr**
 - i. Enrollment is firm at 194 students.
 - ii. It has been a smooth start to the school year.
 - iii. All encouraged to attend and promote the Crab Feast scheduled for Friday evening, September 21st.
 - **Faith Formation Update ~ Dick Berndt**
 - i. This summer's Vacation Bible School was a success!
 - ii. Faith Formation is gearing up.
 - iii. October 14th is the launch of Family Faith Formation. A meeting will be held monthly with take home information.
 - iv. There are changes planned for CLOW. Children will be escorted to the hall at the beginning of mass. They will participate in a child friendly mass and will return to church following the homily.

- **Items for Review**
 - **Minutes from the August 2018 meeting were approved.**
 - **Review of Parish Calendar.**
 - i. Discussed upcoming parish picnic and ministry fair.
 - **Review Parish Council Bylaws – Mission, Roles and Responsibilities (Article 2&3).**
 - i. A member of the Pastoral Council will report periodically to the congregation. Father Willie advised that information within the “Stewardship Report” (which is provided to the Archdiocese of Baltimore in September) could be utilized.
 - ii. A collaboration between staff and council can be fostered by Deacon Ray to assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the parish five mission priorities.
- **New Business**
 - In light of the recent release of findings by the Grand Jury regarding sexual abuse by clergy in Pennsylvania and the Archdiocese of Baltimore response, Fr. Willie asked that the group share reactions, thoughts and comments. We shared perspectives from a personal level and also shared what we are hearing from fellow parishioners.
- **Pastoral Council will next meet on October 1, 2018.**

Closing Prayer: Terry Welker

Respectfully submitted, Terry Welker