

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – May 18, 2015

Present: Fr. Tim Keating, Glenn Allen, Mary Lou Casey, Regina Gapzynski, Nancy Hall, Peg Mangano, Bernice McLellan, John Olenik, Nadine Sleasman, Steve Sleasman, Karen Swift, and Vivian Urdaneta, Joan Ferris (secretary)

Absent: Lisa VanDeVen

Agenda:

- Meeting was opened with prayer.

Minutes:

- Minutes approved after Regina motioned (seconded by Fr. Tim) that the minutes be approved, and motion carried.

Old Business:

- Local Catholic Community (LCC): The first get together with all Pastoral Councils from our LCC (St. Mary's, St. Peter's, St. Joseph's and St. Clement's) on Wednesday, May 20, at the Washington Inn from 4-9 pm. Dinner will be provided and Sister Monica Murphy will facilitate. Several members are going.
- Name Tags: Final proof came. Total cost will be \$100 and Glenn will increase the order to 20 so we don't have to pay for art work. The magnetic tag has the St. Clement's logo and "Pastoral Council" (no personal name). They will be worn at church so parishioners can identify members to bring up ideas / complaints / ask questions. It will be put in the bulletin for a few Sundays and every so often publicizing these tags.
- Photo board: John will bring his camera in and will try and find the old board so this can be redisplayed somewhere in the gathering space.
- Involvement of Parishioners:
 - Bernice will e-mail father Paul re: booklet of all the ministries.
 - Bernice will ask Eric Israelson to come to the next meeting to demonstrate the new registration system.
 - Congratulations cards babies, newly married, new Catholics: Mary Lou has volunteered to continue making the cards, and in addition write and address the cards. This transition will happen in the next couple of months.
 - Personally invite people to participate ... makes a big difference.
- 2017 Anniversary Committee: Father Tim will check with Father Paul to see who he thought might be interested in this committee. It was decided that the committee should begin and generate ideas, which will be held for discussion with the new Pastor in the fall. 50th anniversary book is available to look at in the Office. Last year it was also put on the table about doing a new photo book for members in association with anniversary. Father Tim suggests the parish use this event to dream and generate ideas for the future. All of this needs to be discussed with the new pastor.

New Business:

- Ministry Fair: Father Tim suggested it would be to have it associated with the gospel / homily in the fall.
- People have recently fallen going down steps on choir side of altar in part due to positioning of railings. Father Tim will talk with building and grounds. It needs to be emphasize to those accessing the altar that if there is any question they use the stairs by the baptismal font.
- Discussion was held re: tone/leadership of parish. While some felt that it was up to the new pastor to set the tone, Father Tim stated that the Holy Spirit that leads and that the Body of Worshipers have an equal part in this equation.
- John brought up that with the new lectern, it is not necessary to remove the Bible from the altar, but could leave it on the new shelf. All agreed, and John will speak with Joyce Ponserella re: this change in procedure.

Next meeting: **Monday, June 15** at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Joan Ferris