

Pastoral Council Minutes – October 17, 2016

In Attendance: Father George Blasik, Glenn Allen, Nancy Hall, Peg Mangano, Bernice McLellan, John Olenik, Walt Pazderski, Nadine Sleasman, Stephen Sleasman, Karen Swift, Vivian Urdaneta, Lisa VanDeVen

Absent: Jack Macica

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Glenn Allen.

The Opening Prayer was led by Lisa.

The meetings of the September meeting were approved with one note regarding Bernice and the LCC (see “Old Business” below).

Pastor’s Remarks

During the Convocation last week in New Jersey, the Redemptorists discussed the possibility that they would be leaving a number of places within the province in the next few years. It is still early in the discussion and more information would not come before January, but we will not likely know anything for sure until June or July.

Old Business

Local Catholic Community (LCC) – Last month it was discussed whether we had anyone involved in the LCC to represent St. Clement’s and there was speculation that Bernice was doing so. Bernice clarified that she has not been involved but is happy to do so now.

Masses – Father George has made a plan to get involved with the trainings and the scheduling for Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and altar servers. Bernice suggested that there be a better system in place for when people do not come to the Mass to which they are assigned. She also expressed concern regarding the impression that not everyone is welcome to be involved with these ministries.

100th Anniversary – Peg Mangano has been in touch with Kate Sherwin, who will help with the publicity of the events. Lisa has volunteered to create a weekly history blurb in the bulletin. She will use the 50th anniversary book to start, but if you have suggestions, please send them her way. There was much discussion regarding a large event (liturgy & dinner) for the celebration. March 15 was suggested as it is the Feast of St. Clement, but an October date was generally accepted as that is the anniversary of the first baptism in the church.

Bernice suggested that the musical be brought back into the church again.

New Business

This January, we will need four new people to serve on the council. In 2018, there will be six spots and in 2019 there will be two. There was much discussion as to how we can balance out the terms so that each year there are only four spots to fill with no conclusions made. If you know of someone who is interested in being on the council, please send their names and a short bio to Glenn before the November meeting. At that time, the council will begin to discuss each candidate for discernment in January.

The Closing Prayer was led by Nadine.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.