

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Mar. 7, 2017

**Members Present:** Jeff and Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Ryan Siegel, Lexe Volk, Anne Wend, Mary White, Charmaine Owens, Fr. Hyland and youth members Michael Kuznicki and AJ Ruffalo

**Welcome:** Mary welcomed Mindi O'Rourke as one of the new members. Jim Littleford was unable to attend.

**Opening Faith Reflection** offered by Lexe Volk

### Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Fr. Hyland noted that it has been a busy start to Lent. All Masses on Ash Wednesday were very well attended.
- He is preparing for the Triduum.
- There will be Stations on every Friday during Lent.
- He visited Brookstone Estates in Charleston, and it was much appreciated by the residents.

### Charmaine's Report:

- There will be no class next week because of Spring Break.
- Protecting God's Children was held last Sunday. Another one is scheduled for March 23, with Joan McCausland as the facilitator.

### Youth Report:

- A.J. reported that the youth are practicing for the Passion Play.
- There were 3 retreats in February and March.
- A Lenten "Journey" class is being offered for the youth.
- Angie is helping the youth complete the Synod questions.
- The juniors completed the ACRE test.
- Service
  - \* The youth are assisting with fish fries.
  - \* Michael Kuznicki reported that the Squires are helping with fish fries also.
  - \* The youth will help with the upcoming rummage sale sponsored by the SCW.

### Old Business:

- Synod Questions
  - \* These are being published in the bulletin.
  - \* Matthew will compile the answers to forward to Springfield.
  - \* Matthew will be attending another meeting on Sunday
- AED Purchase
  - \* The council discussed and decided to move forward with the purchase.
  - \* Jeff will get the details to be presented at next month's meeting.

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### Old Business Continued:

- Parish Work Day
  - \* The date is Saturday, May 20, and work will begin at 7:30 am.
  - \* Announcements will be posted in the bulletin. A sign up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board.
  - \* People that have needs may sign up beginning March 18, by calling the office or on the bulletin board.
  - \* Volunteers will start to sign up April 15. The youth are encouraged to join.
  - \* The council will check to see what needs the Hedwig and Tolton houses have.
- Parish Summer Celebration
  - \* The date is Saturday, June 10.
  - \* It was suggested that the proceeds benefit the Infant of Prague renovation.
  - \* Ryan will gather costs for the meal and discuss it with the Knights.
  - \* Charmaine is going to check with the quilters to see if they want to have their raffle at that time.
  - \* Additional details will be discussed next month.

### New Business:

- Fr. Hyland gave an overview of the Diocese Synod position and requested a volunteer. Matt agreed to represent St. Charles.
- There was discussion about the letter from the Bishop regarding the custom of blessing during Holy Communion.
  - \* Bishop Paproki requested that Fr. Hyland share this with the Eucharistic ministers, and he did at the meeting held on February 27.
  - \* We will be making some changes to our practices in the near future.
- Anne thanked the council for the donations to the students of Jefferson. She also presented many lovely thank you notes and letters from the students.
- Important Dates:
  - \* Triduum
    - ... April 13 at 7:00 pm @ Newman
    - ... April 14 at 7:00 pm @ St. Charles
    - ... April 15 at 8:00 pm @ St. Charles
  - \* Easter – April 16
  - \* Corpus Christi – June 18

**Closing Prayer** offered by Fr. Hyland

**Faith Reflection Assignment** – Deb Cuddy

**Next meeting:** April 5 @ 7:00 pm