

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – July 11, 2018

Meeting was held in the church hall.

**Members Present:** Jeff & Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Derek Hennig, Kathy Hussey, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Christina Yousaf, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland

**Opening Faith Reflection** offered by Matthew Mittelstaedt.

### Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Supervising repairs from the flood such as new roof / steeple repairs / new sump pump system / carpet removal.
- Discussion was had on the carpet removal and all it entails.
- Lower level: 2 small classrooms will be combined into one larger one.
- Ray will paint the lower level when all repairs are complete.
- Repairs expected to be completed by the time religious education starts in September.
- Vacation Bible School will be put on by the high school youth supervised by Angie B. and Karie B.
- Fr. Hyland attended a priest retreat the beginning of June.

### Deacon Jeff Beal's Report:

- Old statues found in the lower level are in poor condition and discussion ensued on what to do with them such as moving them upstairs and securing them appropriately. Some statues need refurbishing.
- Storage in the lower level is tight and Deacon Jeff is wondering how to maximize the space.
- Religious education: Packets outlining the Restore Order of Initiation were received from the Springfield Diocese which will impact the order in which children receive sacraments, which in turn affects the religious education curriculum at St. Charles. The changes came out of the diocesan synod Bishop Paprocki held last year with all parishes participating.

### Youth Report:

**(no calendar submitted by youth director)**

- Youth are getting ready for Vacation Bible School and Catholic Heart Work Camp in Huntingburg, IN.
- Youth will work at Coles County fair gates at the end of July.

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### Old Business:

- Infant of Prague Renovation – Committee still discussing.
- Summer Celebration
  - \* Raised \$2,586.00 in raffle and silent auction proceeds.
  - \* Youth bibles will be purchased with the proceeds.
  - \* The attendance was average with many “families” not in attendance.
  - \* Discussion ensued on changing the event to a free-will donation with more of a focus on fellowship and not fundraising.

### New Business:

- Adult religious education– Fr. Hyland feels we need to spend more resources on adult religious formation which in turn leads to children's faith formation. Children follow by example of their parents.
- St. Charles received a grant from the diocese for adult faith formation. Request was made to think of topics and speakers for adult religious education programs.
- Mass Attendance was discussed. Fr. Hyland passed out graphs outlining the trend in Mass attendance. No particular pattern was discerned. Newman attendance is not recorded. Fr. Hyland feels that parish census is not declining based on review of the data.
- Financials: Fr. Hyland gave a brief summary as to the financial health of the parish. The income statement showed a net of \$66,800.00 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The new 2019 budget will be prepared to more accurately reflect cash flow in and out, so the collection section in the bulletin matches up with the budget.

**Closing Prayer** was offered by Fr. Hyland

**Faith Reflection Assignment:** Jo Coon

**Next meeting:** August 1 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:

Jo Coon, Pastoral Council Secretary