

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – Sept. 5, 2018

Meeting was held in the church lower level.

Members Present: Jeff & Jo Coon, Deb Cuddy, Holly Higgins, Kathy Hussey, Matthew Mittelstaedt, Mindi O'Rourke, Christina Yousaf, Deacon Jeff Beals, and Fr. Hyland.

Opening Faith Reflection offered by Deb Cuddy

Fr. Hyland's Report:

- Renovations: Phone system is getting updated due to last April's storm damage. Database being built by Consolidated Communications.
- Finance Council approved money to purchase surge prohibitor.
- Fr. Hyland taking a class at EIU as he continues his post graduate work.

Deacon Jeff Beal's Report:

- RCIA - new inquiry is beginning. One person inquired.
- Religious education begins Sept. 16. Catechists are in place for all grades this school year. 74 students enrolled. New textbooks ordered and received except for 2nd grade who will receive Communion, Reconciliation. 3rd grade will have the same curriculum as they receive the sacraments. This puts in place the curriculum for Restore Order put forth by the Diocese.
- Children's Bibles have been ordered and received / 10 bibles per class.
- Religious Education Kick-off Pancake breakfast – Sept. 9.
- Teacher Orientation meeting after breakfast – Sept. 9.
- Bible Study starts Sept. 12; 12 people enrolled.

Youth Report:

- High School Bible Study begins Sept. 9.
- HS youth participated in a variety of service projects.
- Religious Education begins Sept. 16; 30 students enrolled.
- Ropes course in Carlinville scheduled for Sept. 22.

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Old Business:

- Infant of Prague Renovation: Committee gained a few members. Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11.
- Adult Catechesis: A program is starting Oct. 28 at 7:00 pm. It will address the 4 marks of the Church "ONE HOLY APOSTALIC CHURCH". A second series will begin in February. Fr. Hyland wants to have one session every semester lasting about 4 weeks. Parishioner participation will determine location.
- Advent Mission: Fr. Hyland is researching a speaker for the Advent Mission. He has a seminary friend who may come and speak on a Marian topic but needs to coordinate with him. Tentative dates are December 9, 10, 11.
- Parish picnic scheduled for Oct. 6 at Lincoln Log Cabin after Mass. Pot luck dinner with the K of C grilling meat. Bring your own chairs and beverages.

New Business:

- A change in meeting time to 6:30 pm was agreed by the council. 1st Wednesday of the month.
- Feast of Immaculate Conception – Saturday, Dec. 8. Expectation to attend one Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation as well as Sunday obligation. Masses will be Friday evening/Saturday morning and Saturday evening/Sunday morning.
- Epiphany Dinner: Christina Yousaf and Terry Coulton are stepping down after many years and wish to have someone head the committee in putting on the event the first Sunday in January. Several ministries declined chairing the event. Council to place an announcement in the bulletin.

Closing Prayer was offered by Fr. Hyland

Faith Reflection Assignment: Matthew Mittelstaedt

Next meeting: October 3 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting minutes submitted by:

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