

St. Joseph Church, Emmitsburg, Maryland

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Attending: Fr. John Holliday, Fr. Charlie Krieg, Sr. Martha Beaudoin, Diane Bittle, Theresa Buchheit, Amanda Calis, Alice Kabatt, Kristina Lowe, Andrea Metz, Mary Myers, Alice Kabatt, Jude O'Donnell, Noreen O'Donnell, Doria Wolfe

Excused: Mary Neibecker, Ellie Legare, Fred Legare, Matt Legare, Mary Buchheit

The meeting was called to order by Diane Bittle and began with an opening prayer.

The minutes from the March 28, 2017 meeting were approved with no edits.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Holliday presented his report which included the Financial Report (entire Pastor report attached). Summary:

- Parish income and expenses continue to be right on budget
- Church organ: On April 1, 2017, Father began a fundraiser for a new organ. The goal was to raise \$65,000. As of this meeting, pledges exceed \$80,000. Father is very pleased. The electrical wiring for the organ is in good shape and will not need replacement so the total cost for the organ will be \$60,000. The organ has been ordered and installation set for June 5 to 8.
 - Once all the pledges have been received Father will decide how to spend the excess donations. Suggestions from parishioners include: establishing a savings fund for maintenance of the organ, paying musicians (approx. \$150 to \$200 per Mass, not currently budgeted), paying one organist to play at all Masses, create a scholarship to train a future organist, return money to donors, purchase an extended warranty
- Upcoming Events:
 - The parish will again walk to the Seton Shrine on the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday June 18. The walk will begin after the 10:30am Mass, make a brief stop at the New St. Joseph's Cemetery, and end at the Seton Shrine. There will be Holy Hour and confessions right after the walk until the Shrine Mass at 1:30. Church groups, including the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, plan to walk. A new canopy has been purchased using proceeds from the 200 Club.
 - Many teen youth from the parish will participate in the Work Camp in Baltimore from June 18 to June 23. Father Holliday will be attending part of the week. The youth will join teens from St. Anthony (Emmitsburg), Our Lady of Mt Carmel (Thurmont) and St Timothy (Walkersville).
- Archdiocese pastorate plan: St Joseph's will see a change in the third phase of the plan in 2020 to 2022. The parish will merge with St. Joseph in Taneytown. Currently there is

nothing required of the parish. Father encourages discussion about how to get to know the parish in Taneytown. Suggests, tentatively, creating a Strategic Plan for the next 3 to 5 years.

- A goal for the Parish Council in September 2017 is to discuss ways to work more closely with the Religious Coalition in Frederick. Father impressed with their work. Provides housing for homeless individuals and families and assists with plans for permanent housing. The Seton Center sends clients there. Many churches in Frederick send volunteers and financial aid and some provide shelter and meals in their church halls. thereligiouscoalition.org
- Father contemplating a subscription to Form.org which provides theological and spiritual formation for parishioners. A video subscription is \$1,700 a year and could be made available on parish website.

All are Welcome: Council discussed ways to welcome visitors. Suggest a welcome package for new parishioners, report a 'who does what' on website, approve Mass greeting.

Council discussed a popular sign showing up at various Church communities throughout country welcoming visitors in three languages. Some members like the idea, some concerned it would appear too political. No consensus reached about placing a similar sign at St Josephs.

The election for new Parish Council members will be held the weekend of June 24 and 25 for 2017-2018 per the By Laws. Father will instruct Ushers to place pencils in pews and they will hand out the ballots. Diane will collect the ballots from the 4:30 Mass, Mary will collect from the 8am Mass and Noreen will collect from the 10:30 Mass. Father will have the parish corporators count the ballots and Diane will contact the new members.

Diane was asked to summarize the responsibilities of President for the new members. Diane was thanked for her service as President for the past 4 years.

Committee reports follow these minutes.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Next meeting will be held September 26, 2017 at 7 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Noreen O'Donnell