Our Lady of the Lakes

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

October 16, 2017

Location: St. Theresa’s

Members Present: Ann Paige, Lou Tyrrell, Cathy Matulewicz, Fred Bonhag, Sharon Peck, Matt Tette, Marty Reynolds, Jeanne Underhill, Darwyn Jepsen, Patsy Lentz, Fr. Leo, Fr. Felicjan

Members Absent: Sarah Parshall, Tim & Therese Hebding

Opening Prayer: Fr. Leo

Minutes: The September minutes were accepted as written.

Agenda: The October agenda was accepted as written.

Old Business: - The Bishop’s visit went well with 50± people attending.

- A sign up sheet was passed around for the Parish Council retreat on Nov. 4 from 9-2 at Cobblestone Springs.

- Discussion on the new website: members were pleased with the updating of the site. A few questions: is there a hit count? How easy is it to access? Is there a search feature? It was also noted that there could be more pictures on the Facebook page.

- Parish-wide celebration: maybe hold something a couple times a year as a way to bring families together. More discussion later.

- Mass schedule: St Theresa’s will move to 11:15 am. Fr. Leo will decide when to eliminate 7 am, at least for the winter months, at St. Mike’s.

- Electronic giving: Fr. Leo can’t tell yet what impact this has. He is waiting for the budget and financial report. Perhaps a couple Parish Council members could help Gary with the financial report.

Fr. Leo: - Tim will take care of getting a speaker from the Diocese for the Year of the Eucharist.

- The Stewardship Committee needs to set goals so they can go on to the next step.

- Lent: Fr. Leo has resources that anyone can look over for some ideas. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14, so Small Lenten Groups need to be ready to start early.

- Parish Life: an uphill battle to develop a sense of parish life. If you have any ideas, please let Ann know.

- Advisory Groups: i.e. Cemetery, Buildings & Grounds. In the process of being formed; looking for members from each worship site.

Seven Elements: - Stewardship: needs members. There will be a bulk mailing with pledge cards for the tithing part of stewardship.

Standing Committees: - St. Mike’s: Turkey Trot registration is going well.

- St. Pat’s: Working on holding 5 minutes of silence before mass.

- St. Theresa’s: There will be a Care of the Community meeting soon. Trying to get more people involved. There will be a cleanup of the grounds.

- St. Jan’s: The Grape Festival sale was very successful. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Ecumenical Service will be held on Nov. 12.

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m. with a prayer.

Next meeting is Monday, November 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Mike’s

Respectively submitted,

Connie Murphy

Recording Secretary