

St Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

September 16, 2015

5:30 pm

Members Present: Jan Coburn, Margaret King, Janet Kenney, Fr. Frank, Mary Baker, Robin Waters, Dominic McCamish, Jack McCoy

Members Absent: Joe Gomes, John Karaus

Also Attending: Vicki Wenz

I. Opening Prayer

II. August Meeting Minutes Review

A. Motion made to approve minutes by Janet Kenney, second by Mary Baker. All in favor.

III. Committee Reports

A. Finance/Maintenance – No report was available.

B. Liturgy – Janet Kenney reported that the committee is in need of additional assistance in several areas. The most urgent needs are volunteers for Rosary, Cantor, and Eucharistic Minister. A recruitment effort will continue for the next few weeks. Ms. Kenney also noted that Rita Beckham has coordinated the volunteers for the Parish Picnic and Christmas Dinner. The Council will assist in encouraging all members to attend the events.

C. Faith Formation – Dominic McCamish reported on the potluck held for the CCD participants and families. He said there were more than 50 people in attendance. Classes begin next week and sign ups have been strong. The group discussed the possibility of starting some youth group functions due to the increased number of middle school and high school students this year. Coffee and donuts are scheduled to begin again with the start of classes.

D. Social Concerns – Jack McCoy reported that the first delivery of backpacks for this school year has been completed. The program has 17 children participating this year. Mr. McCoy inquired about additional volunteers for putting the backpacks together. The group asked if Mr. McCoy would make an announcement to the congregation about the program and ask for volunteers to assist.

E. Maintenance – No report was available.

#### IV. Old Business-

- A. Church Renovation – The council discussed the repairs and updates to the church. Everyone agreed that the results are impressive. The council is very grateful for all of the assistance that was received from various parishioners.
- B. Downstairs Meeting Room – Fr. Frank reported that we are waiting for some volunteers schedules to clear. At that time, we plan to lay the flooring in the meeting room and hallway.
- C. Parish Directory – The council reviewed some recommended updates for the parish directory. Margaret King distributed a sample cover sheet with parish contact information. It was agreed to add the sheet to future printings. Janet Kenney noted that no new photos were obtained at the CCD potluck. Ms. Kenney will also make forms available to the parish for any changes that are needed for the next printing.
- D. Parish Picnic – The picnic is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> after morning Mass.

#### V. New Business

- A. Vicki Wenz – Mrs. Wenz, Pastoral Assistant, gave an update to the council on various projects in process. She has been representing St. Patrick at the Montgomery Co. Ministerial Association meeting. She is also serving with the Homeless Coalition and M&M Food Pantry. Mrs. Wenz has met with several volunteers that are currently serving in various areas, such as delivering communion to our homebound members. She spoke about serving as the facilitator for our RCIA program. Mrs. Wenz is reaching out to people that are new to the church as well as long time attendees who may be interested in joining the church. She distributed a list of topics that are being covered in RCIA discussions. She said that she would appreciate any personal experiences that we might want to share with the RCIA class on the topics.

Mrs. Wenz noted that she is working closely with the Hispanic community in our parish. She is currently taking ESL classes and has made herself available to the Hispanic parishioners for any needs or concerns. Fr. Frank discussed the transition being made from Fr. Jay to the current team. We hope to continue to grow the community. Robin Waters mentioned that the youth all seem to bond well regardless of which service they attend. Fr. Frank said that it is still possible that we will have an assistant available to help with the youth. He has a meeting tomorrow to discuss details of a possible position.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m.

- VI. With no additional items of business, meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Robin Waters.