MINUTES

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 6, 2018

Cheryl Davis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish social hall.

**In Attendance**:

* **Council members:** Linda Gregory, Joan Lechene, Cheryl Davis, Phil Olekszyk, Cathy Buquor,Ron Haggerty, Rita Guest,Christine Van Buren and Chriss Lawrence were present. Justen Anderson was unable to make the meeting. Newly elected Council members Sylvia Clifton, Dan Wenner, and Tim Brown were present.
* **Ex-Officio Member:** Father Jim Cowles.
* **Guests:** No guests were present for the formal meeting.

**Opening Prayer:** Joan Lechene said the opening prayer.

**Formation**: In order to save time, a Formation text was not presented.

**Approval of May Minutes:** The minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved as sent out.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Columbarium Letter**: Response letter to Deacon Handel’s letter is ready to mail.
* **Cemetery Survey from Deacon Handel**: Will be available to parishioners at Masses weekend of June 9/10. Fr. Jim will announce it.
* **Western Night Social July 21:** Cathy is still looking for a host, and she will host if one is not found.
* **International Dinner:** held May 19 with great food and decorating but low turnout.
* **Votive Candle Stand for Chapel**: Fr. Jim has talked with the Dixon company in Staunton, and they are trying to find a prototype for us to consider.
* **Parish Mission:** Committee has done research and will have proposal ready and present to Fr. Jim in July. Four versions will be presented.
* **Parish Council Retrea**t was held June 2 at Phil Olekszyk’s home. Good friends, good food, and great retreat.
* **Parish Directory Online:** Rita reported that Father Jim has approved the online version. We may publish this via the app instead of online. Cheryl has volunteered to work with Rita on the directory going forward.
* **Parish Retreat:** Linda, Cheryl and Phil met April 20th and reviewed the surveys that were returned. They decided the proper term to use for the event is “Parish Mission” and we should have it as a three night event, with food each night in the social hall and the presentations in the sanctuary. They are working on getting an outside speaker to do the Mission. The target date for the Parish Mission is spring or fall of 2019. The overall theme will either be “Plug into the Power” or “Get out of the Boat”. Linda contacted Greg Boudreaux from the VIGIL group which appeals to a broad age group and is approved by the diocese. If anyone has any ideas please send them to Linda, Cheryl, or Phil.
* **Ministry Fair:** We hope to have the Fair after the portico is completed.
* **Minute in the Church Series Purchase and Distribution:** Ron has written an announcement for the bulletin. Ann is running it the week before the booklets are handed out and the week of distribution. The first booklets were distributed to parishioners the weekends of May 20, and June 3. Father Jim has the use of parish council funds for the purchase of the remaining Minute in the Church books. 200 of each of the three remaining books will be purchased. Cheryl will make the next purchase and will be reimbursed accordingly.
* **Parish Council Elections:** Daniel Wenner, Sylvia Clifton, and Tim Brown were elected to the Parish Council.
* **Parish Council Positions:** The Council nominated and approved the following members to the open Council Positions:
	+ **Chair:** Linda Gregory
	+ **Vice-chair:** Ron Haggerty
	+ **Secretary:** Tim Brown

**PARISH COMMITTEE AND EXTERNAL MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**Neighborhoods/RCIA:** Nothing new to report.

**Charitable Gaming:** Nothing new to report.

**Maintenance**: Portico work is ongoing.

**Social Justice:** Nothing new to report.

**Parish Community Life:** We still need a coordinator for Western Night on July 21st. Cathy has talked with someone about hosting it but has not gotten a response yet. Linda and Cathy will be co-chairs for the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 30th. They hope to get Nicole Shirilla, a new parishioner who is eager to work on socials, to assist them. We hope Nicole will eventually be able to lead the Parish Community Life Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ron volunteered to present the opening prayer, Tim Brown to present the closing prayer, at the next meeting, September 2018.

**PASTOR’S COMMENTS:** Our new facilities manager, Gary Dietz started May 21st.

**Closing Prayer**: Joan Lechene said the closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Gregory adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Tim Brown, Secretary