

MINUTES

St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

May 18, 2017

Present: Deacon Marc, Mike Lauretti, Mike Linden, Marty Winiarski, Chris Bonkowski, Bea Ladochi, Saad Mishkoo, and Ray Ignatowski. Guy Infante was a guest to update us on the Synod.

Excused: Father Ron, Tom Loria, George Trapp, Denny Kubczak, Jim Rohde and Emily MacKinnon.

Opening Prayer: Bea Ladochi led us in Opening Prayer.

Old Business:

Finance Council:

- No Report.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

- Catholic school update: finance & curriculum for 2017/2018.
- Archdiocese Coat of Arms: topic, trying to attract & maintain millennial and young adult participation.
- Facility & maintenance report: trying to educate pastors to be proactive on repairs and preventive maintenance.
- Vicariate budget proposal: figures to be released later.
- Fall date to be announced regarding parish clustering more input to come.
- May 18th "Amazing Parish Reboot" at Sacred Heart.
- Pastoral letter will be released in June to all Pastors and Synod members.

Youth Update:

- This Sunday, May 21 at 11:30 Mass we will have a blessing for the Timothy Award Winners.
- Also on Sunday our Senior Goodbye will be at our regular Youth Ministry Meeting.
- Wednesday May 24 from 5:45 – 7:15 we will be going to Xtreme Escape rooms for team building.
- Graduation Mass will be on June 3 at the 4pm Mass.
- We are looking to do a Cedar Point Trip June 27th.
- In July is "Chosen to Follow", (July 21st and 22nd)

Worship Commission:

- There will be no wine at the 11:30am mass due to a lack of Eucharistic Ministers. There is a need for Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality, and another Sacristan at this mass.

Religious Education:

- Fr. Ron will baptize four baby boys on May 27.
- We are currently accepting registrations for the Summer Middle School Program, running July 24-27 and July 31-August 3. Students must have been registered in the SPOT 2016-17 Religious Education program in order to participate in the summer program.
- The theme for this summer's Vacation Bible Experience is Barnyard Roundup. It runs June 26-30.
- RCIA sessions concluded May 15, a week early. Unfortunately, attendance at the sessions following the Easter Vigil was low, so the last 2 weeks were combined.
- Registrations for the fall Religious Education programs will begin June 1st.

Christian Service:

- No Report.

K of C Report:

- Our Council has made a donation to the Parish from the profits that were made from the Lenten fish fry's.
- Art Krygowski has been re-elected as Grand Knight and Mike Hartel has been re-elected as Deputy Grand Knight. Both Art and Mike will be representing the council at the annual states convention on Mackinaw Island later this month.
- The following institutions will be receiving funds from this year's drive Neil Reed High School, Macomb County Special Olympics, Arc of Macomb County, Macomb Academy, Glen Peters Elementary School and Right Step Sponsorship Fund. These funds will be distributed after we receive the checks from the K of C State Council.

New Business:

Synod – Guy Infante gave an update on the Synod. The focus of the Synod is *evangelization*. Its purpose is two-fold. The first is "missionaries." The second is, "DNA." The Archbishop hopes to transform the very culture of our Archdiocese—how we work, how we pray, how we minister, everything—so that in everything we do, we are more effective witnesses. Archbishop Vigneron said, "What we're attempting is nothing less than a radical overhaul of the Church in Detroit, a complete reversal of our focus from an inward, or maintenance-focused church, to outward, or mission-focused church. Evangelization is needed both inside the parish, and outside the parish.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of April 20, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on September 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Mike Linden will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Bea Ladochi led us in Closing Prayer.