

MINUTES

St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Present: Father Ron, Deacon Marc, Mike Lauretti, Mike Linden, Bea Ladochi, Ray Ignatowski, Marty Winiarski, Denny Kubczak, George Trapp, Jim Rohde, Tom Loria, Emily MacKinnon, and Kat Fraylick.

Excused: Saad Mishkoo and Chris Bonkowski.

Opening Prayer: Bea Ladochi led us in Opening Prayer.

Kat Fraylick, our Youth Minister came to the meeting to introduce herself to Parish Council. New members, Jim, Rohde, George Trapp, and Emily McKinnon were introduced. All were welcomed and thanked for their service.

Old Business: The Council reviewed the information from the Finance Council Meeting as presented by Tom Loria. \$8,500 was collected for Father Mike from Uganda over Labor Day weekend. Parking lot pavement is complete, and the underground wiring for the light posts is done. Light posts should be complete in October.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

- No Report as the next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2016.

Youth Update:

- The Youth Group had their first meeting of the year this past Sunday. We got to welcome our new Youth Group leader Mrs. Kat, who did a great job!
- We will be serving coffee and donuts after 11:30 Mass on September 18th.
- We are preparing to go to the Subiaco Retreat coming up in October.

Worship Commission:

- A. Altar Servers: Kim Heiss had a work obligation and was not present. She is working with Peggy DeClercq to increase the number of servers. Thinking of possibly having some kind of incentive field trip in June.
- B. Environment: Sandy Keller has agreed to take over this Ministry. She will be meeting with Deacon Marc and Chris Bonkowski to get an inventory of what we have and where it is stored. Father Ron explained that we will be starting again from scratch, that Sandy has some new ideas and she is now in charge.
- C. Eucharistic Ministers: Linda asked if we knew how many Eucharistic Ministers we have currently trained, however, we do not have a current roster. She stated we definitely need help at the 11:30 a.m. Mass and suggested maybe a refresher session this fall.
- D. Knights of Columbus: Karl could not be at the meeting so Ralph Pullis filled in. He reported we have a new Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. A couple of events scheduled are the pancake breakfast this Sunday and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 23rd.

- E. Lectors: Celeste Triner was not present due to illness. Deacon Marc brought up the fact that some Lectors are still bowing at the ambo. He reminded us: you bow if you pass in front of the Tabernacle and you bow to the altar but not to the ambo!
- F. Ministers of Hospitality: Clara reported she could use a few more volunteers. She clarified with Father Ron that we will need Ministers of Hospitality for Mass of Remembrance, All Saints Day and Immaculate Conception. Some discussion was held regarding the need for this Ministry to be extra helpful to those in wheelchairs so they have a place where they and their caregiver can sit comfortably without impeding foot traffic. Clara will look into getting handicap signs for those areas of the church designed specifically for wheelchairs.
- G. Music: Choir practice starts this week and the choir will be singing at 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
- H. Parish Council: Chris reported they are meeting next week.
- I. Sacristans: Due to the sudden death of Sandy Phillips, this Ministry needs a chairperson. Father Ron asked Dan and Dot Marotta if one of them would be interested in taking this over and being a part of our Commission. Dan and Dot have accepted the role of leadership for sacristans. Everyone is very saddened by Sandy's sudden passing and her loss to the parish. She wore many hats! Her ministry here touched many hearts.

New Business:

- A. The following dates are set for upcoming special Masses:
 - i. Anointing of the Sick, September 13 following the 6:00 p.m. Mass
 - ii. Mass of Remembrance, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. (this will fulfill Sunday obligation)
 - iii. All Saints Day, November 1, Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - iv. Thanksgiving, Tuesday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m.
 - v. Immaculate Conception, December 8, Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 - vi. Confirmation, March 19, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
 - vii. First Communion, April 29, 2017
- B. Our Parish Mission is scheduled for November 4 through 8, 2017 with Father Jack Connelly.

Religious Education:

- Catechist Sunday is September 18, 2016. At all masses this weekend, catechists will receive their commissioning and blessing.
- Fall Adult Formation Series-The Church of Mercy Flyer passed out.
- A morning of enrichment for Catechists and adults flyer passed out.
- Confirmation Program – the program began August 23 with a parent/candidate meeting. Sponsor/candidate meeting scheduled for September 25.
- Classes for levels 1 – 7 will be held at Miami Elementary this year.
- Home Teach and After-school Programs begin with Mass on Tuesday, September 20 @ 6 pm.
- Sacrament dates:
 - First Reconciliation – Saturday, December 3
 - Confirmation – Sunday, March 19 @ 3 pm
 - First Eucharist – Saturday, April 29
- Summer programs:
 - Middle School (grades 6 & 7) – very well attended, wonderful experience for our young people.

Vacation Bible Experience – cancelled due to extremely low enrollment. Will schedule at a different time next summer (late June), hope to catch families before vacations, etc. begin.

Summer Bible Series – very well attended. Will definitely bring Deacon Paul back!

- **R.C.I.A.** – 4 candidates as of today, 3 more interviews next week. Sessions will be on Monday evenings beginning October 3.
- **Adult Formation** – Sessions begin Thursday, September 29 for the eight-week The Church of Mercy series. An afternoon and an evening session will be held. Flyer attached. Please come! Registration deadline is September 20.
- **Blue Mass – October 2 @ 11:30 Mass.** To honor and bless those who serve our community as police, firemen and emergency responders. Help is needed for hospitality; please ask your commissions, committees and parish groups to contact Peggy to sign-up to help. Thank you!

Christian Service:

- Our Christian Service Commission meetings resumed on 9-1-16.
- The Journey Men area currently in the process of “Marian Consecration,” of which Fr. Ron is a part.
- The Men’s Group has a leadership change Ken Dombrowski is stepping down in October and Jim Lundberg is “stepping up.” They are still sponsoring the On The Rise Bakery as well as trying to plan a military Mass for November.
- Women of Faith are scaling back their meetings and may put on two or three big events for 2016-2017.
- The Food Pantry has adjusted their hours of operation to better accommodate volunteers and client scheduling needs.
- Sandwich Saturday continues to be a successful ministry with an average of 30 volunteers every month. Donations are keeping up with or exceeding demand.
- October 1st is the AOD’s Mercy in Action Day and we have about 20 volunteers signed up and are publicizing that SPOT will be a donation collection site for SKIP-Supporting Kids in Pain.
- Respect Life is kicking off the Fall 40 Days for Life. Jim Kaza one of the founders of Respect Life is no longer to continue in this ministry. His cancer has progressed to the point that he has entered hospice. Keep him and his wife Sue in your prayers.
- I am still looking for teens and college students to join me for the March for Life Trip to Washington DC that takes place in late January.

K of C Report:

- Art Krygowski was elected Grand Knight and was Mike Hartel elected Deputy Grand Knight.

On September 11th the K of C Pancake Breakfast was held, Proceeds of will go to McRest.

- Sept 18 9:30AM Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
- Oct 23 2 - 4PM Trunk or Treat
- Nov 20 11:30AM Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus

The following new direction from the Supreme Council and fully endorsed by our Michigan bishops:

- Make every council activity and good work a part of the ministry of the parish.
- Become fully part of the Domestic Church and not creators of other programs in addition to the pastor's initiatives.
- Supreme has called for acceleration from a home association to a parish-based Council.
- Reflect upon the Gospel call to evangelize in both the world and primarily the parish.
- Each Knight should consider a ministry at the parish into which the Lord has given him natural talent.
- Let energy flow from the family, an institution under attack in our world.
- Knights need time with their families where the Domestic Church is to be the family fully alive, man, woman and children, with a Knight creating that environment with his wife in the home and reflecting it in all aspects of his life.
- Begin an initiative in each Council in support of the Christians of the Middle East who are in serious danger of genocide, whether financial or vigorous prayer and serious education to all Knights about the situation (with the pastor support this education could be provided to parish members as well).
- All priests, in their parish planning, should experience Knights not as proposers of projects but as partners in the implementation of the pastor's plans as he directs.
- End the false vision of Knights as a club of men with an agenda of their own.

New Business:

- Prayer assignments for upcoming meetings were volunteered for by parish council members.
- Liturgical Ministry Workshop was reviewed. I will be a yearly event around the 2nd Saturday in September.
- St. Paul of Tarsus is now on Facebook. Please let other parishioners know.
- Father Ron shared his experiences at the Amazing Parish Conference.
- Father Ron will be introducing Parish Council members at upcoming masses so the parishioners will know who we are.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Council meeting will be held on October 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Mike Linden will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Bea Ladochi led us in Closing Prayer.