

## MINUTES

### St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

October 19, 2017

**Present:** Deacon Marc, Mike Linden, Bea Ladochi, Marty Winiarski, George Trapp, Jim Rohde, and Ray Ignatowski. Sally Gryniewicz filled in for Christine Bonkowksi.

**Excused:** Mike Lauretti, Chris Bonkowski, Saad Mishkoor, Denny Kubczak, Tom Loria and Alina Amore.

**Opening Prayer:** Bea Ladochi led us in Opening Prayer.

#### **Old Business:**

**Finance Council:** Report given by Marty Winiarski as sent in by Tom Loria.

**Central Macomb Vicariate:** No Report.

**Youth Update:** No Report

#### **Worship Commission:**

- Getting volunteers for Mass continues to be a problem. We will address more fully when Father Jerry joins us full time in November.
- Leaders are putting out requests and sign-up sheets for the upcoming special Masses: Mass of Remembrance on October 29 at 2:00 p.m.; All Saints Day, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Immaculate Conception on December 8 at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We are in need of Altar Servers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Ministers of Hospitality for all of these Masses.
- Parish Count Days are scheduled for the weekends of October 14 and 15 and October 21 and 22. Adults, teens and children are counted for two consecutive weekends and the information is sent to the AOD.
- Parish Mission is scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Father Jack will preside at all of the weekend Masses. Evening sessions are at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

#### **Religious Education**

Religious Education Program Update:

- The Monday & Tuesday after-school program sessions began meeting at Miami Elementary on September 25/26. Everything is running smoothly. . .so far!
- Home Teach program began October 11, with full participation by the families. The topics for this year's session will be from Unleash the Gospel.

Sacramental celebrations are scheduled as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 12 noon, with 2 priests.
- Sacramental prep program begins with a parent retreat on Saturday, Oct. 28.
- Confirmation – Sunday, March 11, 2018, @ 3pm

- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion – Sunday, April 22, 2018, @ 1:30 pm
- R.C.I.A. – Sessions began Monday, October 2, are running very smoothly. This year's group has a lot of enthusiasm for the faith! There are three adult candidates and one student (5<sup>th</sup> grader).
- Protecting God's Children Workshop – a workshop will be held here at St. Paul of Tarsus Parish on November 4 @ 9am. There is still room, so those who need to attend should be sure to register online at [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).
- Catholic Book Store – the bookstore will be here at St. Paul of Tarsus after Masses on November 4 & 5. It has been awhile since they were here, so parish support is encouraged. Books, CD's and other items (including Advent) will be available.

#### Adult Formation:

- The *Do You Want to Be a Saint?* Presentations were well attended and positive feedback has been received.
- October – Living Rosary (open to all)
- November 5, 6 & 7 – Parish Mission
- December 6 – Called by Name (Advent presentation looking at the names of Jesus)
- December 13 – Advent Adventure (geared toward families, open to all)

#### Christian Service:

- Christian Service Report for the September PPC Meeting
- Our last Christian Service Commission meeting was on 10-5-17.
- **Christian Service is working on the following projects for October and November:**
- Flu Shot Clinic after all Masses on 9-23&24 provided by Walgreens was a success over 40 people received a vaccination.
- Tickets and bus for the Beatification Mass of Venerable Fr. Solanus is being worked on.
- Ascension-St. John Providence presentation on Hospice and volunteering on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Follow-up volunteer training on 10-16&17. ~ Attendance was very poor.
- Mercy in Action Day 10-14~outreach to the Carmelites and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. In collaboration with St. Michael, St. Ronald, and St. Martin DePorres was a success
- On the Rise Bakery on 10-14 sold out.
- Collection of candy for the Seminary is on-going.
- Looking to try to schedule Holiday Grief counseling for November and December
- Prayer Shawl may be making blankets for babies who are baptized.
- **All other groups remaining active and on schedule:**

American House      Coffee and Donuts      ClintonAire  
 Communion to the Sick and Homebound      Food Pantry  
 Funeral Ministry      Health Ministry/Parish Nurses      Journey Men  
 Martha T Berry Ministry      Men's Group      Prayer Shawl  
 Respect Life      Rose Senior Living      Sandwich Saturday

**K of C Report:**

- Oct 22 2 - 4PM Trunk or Treat
  - Nov 12th 10:00 am K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
  - Nov 13th 6:30 pm K of C General Membership Meeting
  - Nov 19-25 MCREST at St John the Apostle Anglican Church
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- MCREST (Macomb Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) provides year round safe emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families for up to 90 days in congregations across Macomb County. The congregations provide meals, shower facilities, transportation and laundry services for the overnight guests.
  - This K of C Council again is partnering with the St John the Apostle Anglican Church, on Canal rd. St John at their church will be housing 30 men during the week of Nov 19-25, 2017.
  - The Council is providing volunteers to help in many ways such as: assemble and set up beds, overnight watch, drivers, prepare lunches, evening meals, and provide intake services to the guests. The Knights are also making a contribution towards the purchase of transportation vouchers, food, and supplies.

**New Business:**

1. Coffee and Donuts Schedule- Sunday, October 22, 2017 after 11:30am mass
2. Parish Mission – November 5-7, 2017 7pm.
3. St. Paul of Tarsus was approached – via phone calls to Phyllis Bengry and George Eichorn – to host the Symphonia Chorale (Romeo, Michigan) for their Christmas Concert on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 at 7:30 PM. Two years ago we granted this request and the group gave the church a donation for using the church. Parish Council approved as long as Music Minister Phyllis Bengry is in agreement.
4. Mike Linden suggested that Parish Council receive a Food Pantry Report for our monthly meetings.

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting of September 21, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Jim Rohde will lead us in prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** Bea Ladochi led us in Closing Prayer.