**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday September 4, 2019

**In Attendance**: John Dickhaus (Chairperson), Christina Boss, Sarah Holland, John Kelly,  
Rev. Tim Ralston, Bill Rapp, Jeanie Stephens, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

**Absent**:

**Guest:**

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**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson John Dickhaus.

**Faith Formation/Opening Prayer**: John Kelly began with a passage from 2 Corinthians 11:18-30. In the reading, St. Paul tells of those who are boastful but questions if they are true “ministers of Christ”. He also can boast and lists many hardships that he has endured yet he boasts of the “things that show my weakness.”

John Kelly began a discussion of that reading by stating that God wanted St. Paul to spread the faith. If all the things that happen to St. Paul would happen to him, he would sure be challenged in his faith. Christina Boss mentioned that John had a great insight into the reading. The ordeal of St. Paul certainly was a life-changing experience. Father Tim added that Jesus calls us to follow but he never tells us what that would entail. Jeanie Stephens asked what message was St. Paul trying to get across to the Corinthians? Father Tim responded that some of the followers in Corinth were boasting of their own accomplishments. It astonishes us to reflect on this account of his dangers, hardships, and sufferings, and to observe his patience, perseverance, diligence, cheerfulness, and usefulness, in the midst of all these trials.

**Minutes**: The minutes from the June 25, 2019 Pastoral Council meeting were approved.

**Pastoral Council Elections**: Chairman Dickhaus reviewed the election schedule and asked for volunteers to assist with nomination forms at weekend masses. Christina Boss will review the nominations, enter the names on a list, divide the list, and e-mail to the members for them to call the nominees. Chairperson Dickhaus will contact members later about distributing and collecting ballots.

The members unanimously elected Jeanie Stephens to serve as the next Pastoral Council Chairperson.

**Festival Update:** Chairperson Dickhaus reported that final results are not yet available, but it appears as if the parish will net about $90,000. This represents less that the past year but an excellent result for a parish of this size. The decrease is attributable to lower starting inventory of products, higher costs for supplies, and the need for more paid workers. Overall, there were no major incidents and attendance seemed to be higher on Friday and Saturday this year.

**School Updates:** Chairperson Dickhaus reported that enrollment for K-8 is 210, same as last year. Pre-school is also about the same.

The needed plumbing work was completed prior to the start of school. A couple of new teachers have been added to the faculty.

One issue that will need to be addressed is the school roof. It is overdue for replacement. Pricing options are being solicited.

**Pastor’s Corner:** Fr. Tim informed the members that:

* Although there was some preliminary interest in acquiring the house across the street on Locust Lake Rd, the house is not for sale.
* Katie Normand is doing well in her role as Administrative Assistant and has begun introducing some new ideas for the office.
* The music ministry is now co-directed by Bob Bridges and Christie Halaby.
* The parish office staff is participating in the Emmaus program.
* He (Fr. Tim) will select a new member to Pastoral Council after the election.

**New Business**:

Jeanie Stephens reported that a parishioner expressed concern over the recent abuse case and that the person is exploring other church options. Father Tim responded that Amy Zurlinden is looking into something to address this issue. Sarah Holland added that it seems church leaders have allowed this to happen - again. John Kelly said the he tells people that he is an American and, although he doesn’t like some of the things going on in Washington, he doesn’t think about leaving the country.

Sarah Holland asked if there were any other plans for the Parish’s 75th anniversary? She mentioned that there was a suggestion of an ornament previously. The members discussed a few options. Jeanie Stephens told the members that she would check into the ornament status.

**Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday November 6, 2019**

Approved: November 6, 2019