

ST. AUGUSTINE
SUMMARY OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ September 17, 2017

Fr Rick opened in inspirational prayer, song and video. Silent roll call was taken with the following members present: Heath Hegemann, Bob Lammers, Jamie Mescher, Leslie Tyler, Connie Schafer, Therese Brown, Fr Rick, and Cindy Wuebker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Missions- reported by Connie Schafer:

- June – members baked cookies for the PX games and helped with the lunch.
- July—annual garage sale. Gross was \$10447.00 distributed \$10,000 to 16 organizations/individuals.
- We are now getting ready for our taste and toast wine tasting. This event will be held on Sunday, October 29, 4 to 7, at K of C hall. I have tickets to sell. More details on the bulletin. Proceeds go the angel program.
- Weekend of November 10th will be donating desserts to the St Anthony Dinner theatre.
- The ladies making rosaries have been busy. They are now making chaplet rosaries for Fr Steve Dantos who works with the vocation office. He passes them out to students when he talks to them about vocations. The past few months the ladies have made over 500 chaplet rosaries and regular rosaries. These ladies have made about 4000 rosaries this year.

Building & Maintenance – submitted by Ben Baumer

- Our last meeting was Aug. 29, 2017. Next meeting Oct. 24, 2017 at 8 pm in the Rectory basement. Projects recently completed:
 - Main church window frames on the north side stripped and painted by Ken Poeppelman.
 - Cross walks painted on parking lot at two locations at church across the alley and from Halls of Hanover to the Parish Center.
 - Wellman Bros. recently completed repairs on the copper roofs of both steeples of the church in order to address leaks. Copper flashing was added and joints re-soldered and masonry joints tuck pointed and caulked.
 - Rich Larger continues to work on cleaning out the attic of the Parish Center and his work should be commended.
- Future Projects under consideration:
 - Strip and re-finish marble floors around main and side altars of church. Estimates for this work forthcoming.
 - Minor updates and repairs to the lower level restrooms at the Parish Center
 - New sign on Hanover St. in front of Rectory.

Temporal Affairs Commission –reported by Leslie Tyler:

- Reviewed year-to-date monthly report. Offerings are up; expenditures are under budget
- Archdioceses & Precious Blood annual reports are complete.
- Quarterly Capital Spending bulletin report is complete.
- Received \$11,000 from 1 Faith, 1 Hope, 1 Love. We have received \$130K of the \$328K expected.
- Catholic Youth Summer Camp students will receive \$100 towards camp fees thanks to private donations.
- \$31K deposited from religious education fees. We average \$34,500 so amount is low for the year.
- The Service Club has donated a bench to be installed by the play set area.

Religious Education K-6 – reported by Therese Brown

- All Catechist positions are filled, we have 4 New Catechists and 2 returning. New are June Wuebker, Jessica Luthman (on maternity leave now), Erica Oldiges, Lisa Dirksen, returning: Tracy Heitkamp and Stacy Lamm is also a H.S. Catechist.
- All Catechist are compliant with Archdiocesan pre-requisites of Protecting God's Children, Web-checked and in the Virtus system. And we are 100% registered in VOCARE.
- Numbers: we have 462 student K-8, 54; 2nd graders, (HS# 199)
- Vacation Bible School was very successful 75 campers, Adult helper, HS and Jr. High helpers. I made some inquiries to companies and business owners and received some donations and lowered cost. -Ross Wuebker, Tent- Minster Supply, Large Chair –Ice Creations, Sand Sculpture.

Religious Education 7-12 – submitted by Barb Blanco

- JH & HS PSR: Off to a great start. All catechist positions have been filled, with exception of 7th grade. Bonnie Trzaska and Jerry Drosch have agreed to divide the class among themselves. New catechist/parishioner, Carol Pierce-Sophomores and Todd Pack-Juniors.
- Confirmation 2018: Parent/student meeting tomorrow, 9/20 @ 7:00pm; Enrollment Mass on October 22nd @ 11:30am; Retreat scheduled on Sunday, November 12th at the Spiritual Ctr (1-7pm); Confirmation Mass on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 1:30pm.
- New VOCARE Online Certification Process: All catechists are registered and have begun to familiarize themselves with the new process. General Principles (on-going formation):
 - Certification is based on 10 credits of formation per year.
 - 3 of these 10 credits can be obtained outside the Vocare online format.
 - A learner must complete each badges (call, witness, proclaim, inspire, enrich) within 2 years. Each badge requires one additional year of experience.
 - Missionary Discipleship requirement: In a small group faith enriching/sharing environment we focus on developing the discipleship of our catechists and leaders. Missionary disciples are formed and sustained in Christian community (e.g., Wild Goose Lenten study).
 - 3 Pre-requisites: VIRTUS Compliant, Protecting God's Children session, Activity for Personal Growth.
- CYSC – Catholic Youth Summer Camp (update): 48 students from St. Augustine/St. Joseph parishes attended camps this summer. We had a CYSC Promo & Family Adoration night last Thursday the 14th, invited local area parishes. Registration opens on Oct. 1st. HOT OFF THE PRESS: Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be offering \$100 off to FIRST-TIME campers (only) again this year. Promo Code: CINCINNATI2018. Parish Promo – Thanks to generous benefactors, our parish will offer a \$100 contribution toward camper registrations. Promo Code: MINSTERCLUSTER2018
- National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 5-11. Archdiocesan wide Holy Hour for Vocations Campaign – Holy Hour will take place at St. Augustine on Wednesday, November 8th from 7:00-8:00pm
- Rustic Hope Diaper Drive – Respect Life Month (October): Agnes Poeppelman (St. Augustine) and Jane Prenger (St. Joseph) have agreed to coordinate the drive efforts for our parish cluster. Rustic Hope is a non-profit ministry that offers free support to pregnant teens/women before, during, and after delivery.
- ACRE Results shared. Sample questions included to identify areas where concentration is needed. Good tool for catechists as well.

Cemetery – reported by Bob Lammers

- Cemetery Board has been working on getting quotes from asphalt companies to re-do the streets inside the cemetery. After quotes are obtained a meeting with Finance Committee and Building & Maintenance will be called to discuss funding and logistics of the project.
- Suggestion was made that Francis Manufacturing in Russia, OH may donate railing for the center monument if they were approached. This project was also passed on to boy scout & girl scout leaders as a possible Eagle Scout or Gold Award project.
- Working on steps to address financial funding of the cemetery

Fr. Rick

- Don Kitzmiller is heading up the Spiritual Wellness Survey. Phase one has been collected. We received about 400 responses. It will take some time to sort through all the suggestions. After they have been sorted Phase 2 will begin.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has kicked off. Mike McClurg is the staff director and Taylor Kogge is the student leader. We had about 30 high school students at the first meeting. Next meeting is October 5th from 7:15-7:45am at the high school.
- We have conducted all the personal interviews and two of the three performance interviews with candidates for the Director of Music position. We will make a decision shortly after the Oktoberfest.
- Our dates for Parish Council Meetings this year are as follows: Nov 21, Jan 16, March 20, Apr 17 all at 7:00 pm in Parish Center.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Parish Center.