## Parish Pastoral Council Minutes (provisional)

October 20, 2016

**Members Present**: Fr. Frank, Mark Ebreo, John Fout, Scott Spanbauer, Jerry Gardner, Michelle Curnow, Colleen Sutton, Lawton Blandford, Keith McGuinness, Juan Saiz and Clare Charzewski

Members Absent: Matt Gibbons, Scott Phillips and Ellen Wentz

**Opening Prayer** - John Fout

**Presentation and Review of Secretary's minutes** Michelle Curnow Past meeting minutes were approved by members present.

**QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution)** – new way for people to donate money tax free to the church. Focuses on people over 70 ½ who are making distributions from their IRA. Finance council is currently planning a roll out to the parish.

**Listen & Pray Sessions Feedback**– Fr Frank stated that each session went very well. There were many different perspectives shared with those in attendance and this created good discussion. Several people came forward to volunteer for future workshops. These workshops could focus on racism, privilege, and immigration. Overall the feeling is that these sessions were beneficial to the parish community.

**Edge & Life Teen Update**– Middle School and High School faith formation groups are going well. Very good leadership teams for both groups. Kids seem to be excited about the new programs.

GreenQueen – Environmental committee meeting was cancelled but will be rescheduled.

**Confirmation and First Eucharist** – 45 candidates for Confirmation and 47 candidates for First Eucharist. These numbers are very positive and will require two masses and two dates for each sacrament. Dates will be scheduled later this year.

**Confidentiality Statements** – Pastoral Council members were given confidentiality agreements and asked to sign and return them.

**Second Collection for Haiti** – Last weekend a second collection was taken up for the Parish of St. Ann in Haiti to help them rebuild their church which was destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. \$9,100 has been collected so far and this is excellent.

**New Deacon** - Deacon Zeke and his wife Jean Marie are moving from New York (state) to Belmont to serve at Queen of the Apostles. He speaks Spanish and will lead young adult ministries.

**Ministry Weekend Feedback** – Good turnout for 9:45a and 11:30a masses. Volunteers have come forward and are in the process of being contacted by various ministries.

**Trunk or Treat** – Effort is being put forth to reach out to different demographics of people without young children at home to participate in Trunk or Treat at church.

**Thanksgiving 2016** – Volunteer sheets will go out this weekend. Last year we provided over 500 meals (100 people ate at the church and 400+ were delivered).

**Christmas 2016** – Falls on a weekend this year. Sat 4:30p Childrens Mass will be at Southpoint HS. They have a new lighting and sound system. 8p Solemn Mass will be Sat evening at the church. Sunday mass times are 9a and 10:30a at the church.

**Fundraisers Update** – BBQ netted \$5232 and Golf Tournament collected \$27,320 but is still waiting to pay some expenses. Expected net between the two events is \$25,918. There were 30 volunteers for the BBQ and 20 volunteers for the Golf Tournament. We had 96 golfers this year.

**Advent Small Groups** – 13 groups in place but we really need 17 groups to reduce the number of people in each group. Ideal number of people in a group is 12. We need to train some more leaders. This year is a 4-week series on Grace. The Council watched Week 1 DVD and the feedback was very positive.

**Closing Prayer**: Juan Saiz

Adjournment

Next Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7p