

November 2018 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Lawton Blandford, Clare Charzewski, Michelle Curnow, Jerry Gardner, Matt Gibbons, Keith McGuinness, Scott Phillips, Juan Saiz, Scott Spanbauer, and Ellen Wentz

Members Absent: Theresa Eze and Colleen Sutton

1. Opening Prayer – Keith

2. Minutes – Michelle

Michelle read October 2018 minutes. Changes and/or corrections were made and the minutes were approved and accepted.

3. Building Update – Father Frank

- a. City of Belmont and Gaston County have approved the building plans. The documents are waiting for the Bishop's approval.
- b. The gas lines on the property will need to be moved. The gas company will pay for this movement (the church will not be charged).
- c. The sewer lines will also have to be adjusted.

4. Ministry Weekend Report – All

- a. Colleen Sutton has resigned as chair from the Welcoming Stewardship Committee as of December 31st, 2018. Fr. Frank asked the council about individuals who would be interested in filling this position. The current procedure of welcoming new members was reviewed.
- b. Ideas were shared about different ways we as a parish could welcome new members in addition to the current plan. One suggestion was to pair up current parishioners with similar interests and/or backgrounds with new parishioners establishing another personal connection.

5. Good News – Father Frank

- a. Thanksgiving Day Meals: As of Wednesday afternoon, 235 meals are scheduled to be delivered between 11-12 on Thanksgiving Day. The event, in the past, is well organized and runs smoothly. Takeout meals and eat in meals will start at 11:30. Takeout meals for walk-ins will be limited to 5 meals per person. The MAK Center will be cleaned up by 4pm.
- b. Trunk or Treat was successful and well organized. Many decorated cars filled the back parking lot area. This was a positive community builder as good response from the local community attended.
- c. Filipino Cultural Event (Tagalog) was extremely successful and had a high turnout rate, as over 400 people were fed a Filipino dinner. Several different Filipino families came together to decorate the MAK center, prepare dinner, and incorporate a Filipino Culture Dance. This will be an annual event.
- d. E-Give has increased 20.9%
- e. Rosary Makers raised over \$2,000 during a weekend sale. They would like to purchase the Statue of Mary for the new church.
- f. The Latino Food Sale raised \$2200
- g. Small Groups- The feedback from the groups has been positive. A larger number of people are participating, which is significant, since usually the number is lower during Advent as compared to during Lent. The Small Group recordings for Lent are being taped next week.
- h. There is no Bethlehem Olive Wood Tree Sale this year due to a family emergency.
- i. John Fout has stepped down from the council due to job requirements, therefore a new member slot is available.
- j. Fr. Frank asked members to think about the goals of the parish in the next 3-5 years to discuss at the January meeting

6. Closing Prayer – Scott Phillips

Next Meeting is January 17th 2019