

Pastoral Council minutes

Wednesday April 12, 2017

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Corey Huegen. Those in attendance were **Fr. Dan, Terry Richards, Sue Lohman, Carol Imming, Ken Haselhorst, Lori Kampwerth, Jackie Chiarolanza and Corey Huegen.**

Old Business:

The book "**Resisting Happiness**" that was given out at Christmas has not generated any feedback. We will try to get something on Facebook to see if that will get people talking about the book. Fr. Dan has a book about forgiveness in mind for lent of 2018.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Partnership council will be in St. Rose on May 30 at 7:30.

First Communion at St. Francis will be at 4:00 p.m. on April 22, 2017.

Confirmation will be on May 3rd at 7:00. Please remember to continue to pray for your Confirmation candidate.

Jackie Chiarolanza reported on the church directory project. Lifetouch will be taking pictures Dec. 18 through Dec. 21 from 2 to 9 p.m. and again on Dec. 27 through Dec. 29 from 2 to 9 p.m. You will be able to schedule your picture appointment online, more information on that to come later. We will begin advertising the new directory in early fall.

Picnic meeting will be Monday April 17, 2017 in the Heritage room at 7 p.m.

St. Francis will be hosting the Vicariate meeting on May 4. The Ladies Sodality will make lunch for the priests and parish coordinators who attend.

The **Diocese of Belleville** has launched a new website that is easier to navigate. The website is www.diobelle.org

Pastoral Council pictures have been updated on St. Francis' website. The Trustees need to be updated as well as getting pictures of the current Finance Council on the site.

New Business

Fr. Gene Neff and **Sr. Ellen Orf** suggested that we have Hispanic families of the parish run a food booth at the church picnic. A possible site for their food stand is next to the margarita booth. We will take this suggestion to the picnic committee.

Pastor's notes

Fr. Dan reported that we have the building committee co-chairs for the future parish center. We have some seed money to begin but will need another pledge drive to move it to completion.

The new sound system for the church is not yet installed but hopefully it will be soon

We will read the prayer for vocations at the beginning of mass and then will announce who mass is offered for.

Fr. Dan asked that we keep his brother in our prayers as he is having some health issues.

The next meeting will be May 10 at 7:30.

Final prayer was led by all attendees.