

**Pastoral Council Meeting
June 14, 2017**

Those in attendance were: Fr. Dan, Ken Haselhorst, Irma Deimeke, Sue Lohman, Carol Imming, Lori Kampwerth, Corey Huegen.

Opening prayer was led by Ken Haselhorst.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Parish Partnership meeting was held on May 30th. Fr. Nick Junker, Director of Vocations for the diocese was the guest speaker. Fr. Junker spoke on possible reasons why young men are not considering a vocation to the priesthood. Family support is the big issue for a lot of seminarians. Sending seminarians out into the parishes might help prompt more interest. Ken Haselhorst mentioned an article in Time magazine pertaining to this subject. Fr. Dan suggested our parish have a meet and greet with Fr. Junker since Aviston has seen a lot of past parishioners enter religious life. Debbie Fritch is the vocations minister for our parish.

Youth activities were discussed with a possible Diocesan Youth Conference for our county. Maybe send some students to the national Diocesan Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

The next meeting of the partnership is August 29th at 7:00 p.m at St. Francis.

The church sound system is installed and is working really well. The cost of the system was \$40,000.

At the August meeting we will discuss the Unsung hero award and putting pictures of the St. Francis nuns up in the Heritage room.

The parish center project is on track. The committee has been formed, they will meet in July. The first order of business is to work out a design.

Sr. Ellen Orf has been visiting Hispanic families in our parish and has talked to them about working the church picnic. They declined having a stand of their own but instead are willing to work in the margarita stand. We will talk to Jackie Schmitz about this.

NEW BUSINESS:

An in-line water heater has been installed in the kitchen and a second convection oven has been purchased. The kitchen set-up has been reworked to make the food prep a little smoother. Another metal table is needed for more work room.

PASTORS NOTES:

Melissa Faust will begin July 1 as the part-time Director of Religious Education. Her duties include programming for high school students, supervise RCIA, vacation bible school, etc. Deacon Steve will continue to work with the servers and lector during PSR class. The long range plan for when we merge with our partnership parishes is there will be 2 campuses with 1 director

The closing prayer was led by Corey Huegen.

The council will not meet in July. The next meeting is August 9 at 7:00p.m

