

Pastoral Council Minutes

November 9, 2017

The November 9, 2017 meeting was opened with a Hail Mary led by everyone. Those in attendance were Brad Richter, Ken Haselhorst, Terry Richards, Sue Lohman, Corey Huegen, Fr. Dan, Carol Imming, Jackie Chiarolanza, Irma Deimeke and Mike Dall, trustee.

Old Business:

The Unsung Hero Award was presented on October 22nd to Vera Netemeyer in recognition of her 66 years of outstanding activity in the parish. Vera was honored with a standing ovation in church. Both recipients, Vera Netemeyer and Phyllis Faust, will be added to the parish website list of honorees' and the information may be sent to the messenger as well.

There has been a \$150.00 donation made by an anonymous benefactor towards the purchase of the Christmas books. Next year we will consider CDs, as well as, books.

Nine parishoners have accepted the nomination to serve on the Pastoral Council. Elections will take place at the weekend masses Dec. 2nd & 3rd. Pictures of the candidates will be posted in the back of church.

Jackie Chiarolanza reported that the sign-up for family photo appointments for the new Parish Pictorial Directory are going smoothly. If you haven't signed up yet you can do so online. There is a link on the website for sign up. Our Vocation Minister, Ken Haselhorst, spoke at the weekend masses on Nov. 4th & 5th encouraging young men and women of the parish to consider a vocation to religious life. Ken will work with our parish partnership vocation leaders to move forward with this ministry.

Our Parish Partnership's Joint Pastoral Council meeting will be held at St. Felicitas on November 14, 2017.

New Business:

The Best Advent Ever is a program to get people excited about advent. It is a free email, consisting of a brief inspirational message and prayer, sent to you every day during Advent. Note cards about this program will be in the pews at church. Those who participated a similar program last Lent found it very inspiring.

Carl Zimmerman and his Christian Rock Band performed at the Aviston grade school and sparked a lot of excitement in the students. The CYM is considering having them lead the music at a Sunday Mass in the new year.

The Vocations Ministry will work on getting pictures of St. Francis religious in the Heritage room.

Pastors Report:

Fr. Dan reported on the Illinois Scholarship Tax Credit. The program was initiated by the state to give scholarships to low income students who wish to go to private school. The scholarship is funded by donations.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Closing prayer led by all attendees.