

## Pastoral Council Minutes

June 14, 2018

Irma Deimeke opened the meeting with a prayer.

Those in attendance were Father Dan, Irma Deimeke, Amy Strubhart, Deacon Steve Aubuchon, Carrie Trame, Jackie Chiarolanza, Brad Richter, Marvin Ratermann, Kenny Haselhorst, Ryan Faust, and Carol Imming.

Guest in attendance: Corey Huegen. Absent: Lori Kampwerth

### **Old Business:**

Approval of minutes from 5/10/18 was moved by Ken Haselhorst and seconded by Ryan Faust.

**Pastoral Assistance Options:** The first option we will discuss is the “Stewardship Committee”. Fr. Dan shared that he and Deacons Steve have been trying to do the follow-up visits with new parishioners. They have not been successful in doing so. They need other parishioners to help in this area. The new parishioners are registered by the secretary of the parish. We hope to get current parishioners to help visit the new parishioners to motivate them to become active in the parish community. We also want parishioners to visit nursing homes and hospitals. It is essential as a way of making people feel welcome, wanted, and an important part of the parish. It enables us to get people involved in the picnic and other elements of the parish including Sunday worship. Jackie Chiarolanza has volunteered to reach out to a few people in the parish to have a discussion in regards to ways of effectively surfacing individuals who will help with these tasks. Fr. Dan would like two council members to lead each discussion group. Irma Deimeke volunteered, also.

Pre RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) screening and orientation are done by Fr. Dan, Deacon Steve, Deacon Charlie and Mary Litteken. RCIA is held during the months of September through April, one evening a week. The parish is in need of a few sponsors that can support candidates that are introduced to the Catholic faith.

These projects are the first steps in our Parish Partnership's development of pastoral assistance as set forth by our "Pastoral Plan for Parish Renewal and Reconstructing". The goal is to start small, and encourage parishioners to give their time and talent to the above tasks.

**Pastor's Report:** The By-Law Amendment was sent to all the Parish Council Members by e-mail.

**New Business:** Fr. Dan read a letter that asked if anyone knew of anyone with a farm in the three counties that would like to be a site for this year's Diocesan Farm Blessing. Please let him know.

The Pastoral Council will be gathering on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the lower pavilion at the park to form a committee to work questionnaire for Saturday evening mass and discuss alternative mass times.

Next meeting will be Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:00pm. Ryan Faust will do the opening prayer and Carrie Trame will do the closing prayer.