



St. John Bosco Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2021

The meeting opened at 7:01 Fr. Matt led us in prayer. The minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting were accepted.

Donut Sunday-Will resume October 3rd, with Stewardship hosting

Ministry Updates:

Stewardship –Marianne Brooks

- Ministry Fair info will be in upcoming bulletins
- New Parishioner Welcoming Event will be held December 4, after 4:00 mass. 14 new families since last event was held
- Stewards at Home project-6 homebound parishioners have shown interest, also 40 postcards have been returned at St. Charles so far

Spiritual Development – Jan Bacher

- Distributed 337 prayer cards which included a specific sacrament as well as prayer cards for inactive Catholics
- Book discussion “Hope to Die” to begin next week, 13 people have signed up
- Looking for Advent materials
- Little Rock will begin book study on “Angels in the Bible” written by Fr. George Smiga

Evangelization – Jack McLaughlin

- Meeting included discussion on why members are Catholic
- Discussed “Return” book, reiterating we need to listen to people and not interrupt
- 40 letters went out to new home owners in the area
- Reading “Jesus the Evangelist”

Holy Name – Mary Fackler

- Will meet in October
- Vercelli Holy Hour and mass will be held at SJB in October
- Will sell football raffle tickets at Donut Sunday

El Salvador – Richelle Gnezda

- Carlos gave Richelle list of items needed-numerous windows need to be replaced, estimated at approximately \$5000. Also looking for help with entry door and air conditioning in certain areas-will consider for next year
- Will discuss if any students are ready to go to HS
- Hope to get reports cards and info from Sr.

- Will meet again in November and discuss Spring fundraiser

Generations – Andrea

- Car Rally-6 cars participated
- October 24 will have pumpkin carving after 11:00 mass. Bring own pumpkins and carving tools

Pathways to Hope – Fr. Matt

- Taize Prayer Service held Monday evening was well attended. Nice that PSR parents were able to attend while children were at PSR. Next service will be held January 10, 2022
- Voices of Hope-still on hold but hope to bring back soon

Pastor's Report – Fr. Matt

- DMI survey results tabled momentarily, but not for long. May condense for distribution.
- 70,000 profit from the International Festival. Have had 14 new families join parish since the Festival. Hope to hold again next year during first weekend in August
- New roof will be put on the rectory next month, funds will be used from Capital Improvement Fund
- Heart of the Shepherd Campaign-goal to raise \$300,000+
- RCIA and PSR have begun. 1 person interested in RCIA so far, up to 4 for adult confirmation
- Jeff Stutzman (Permanent Diaconate in formation) will be working with SJB for the year
- Choir is rehearsing again
- Exodus 90 will take place again this year
- Will let parishioners lighting the advent wreath go this year as people aren't readily volunteering

Old Business/New Business

- Railing to be installed on side step into church, as well as by Parish Office steps
- Will begin prayer for vocations (in conjunction with Heart of the Shepard campaign) before mass. Will begin October 30-31 and will run for three months

Action Items

- Should different ministries be represented on Parish Council for the next term? Discuss members coming off and recruitment of new members.
- Read Chapters 12-14 and conclusion of Return for discussion at October meeting.
- Reaching Out Movement-alternate movement of making disciples. Would be a financial commitment to sustain education and ongoing support (range \$300-2000 month). Fr. Matt would select individuals to begin, they would invite friends, neighbors, etc with something in common with them, most likely once a month. Fr. hopes to bring Deacon John Green in to explain more, help base our decision.
- Mike to take over as Council Secretary beginning at October meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Fr. Matt provided the closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ballas