

Pastoral Council Minutes
October 10, 2017

Present: Fr. Mike Scully and council members Anna Buckley, Tina Jinkens, Mark Schieferecke, Mary Grosdidier, Cheryl DeVillier, Tom Weathers, Sue Manning, and Robyne Pippert

Guest: Lori Foos for Family Promise discussion

Opening prayer

Family Promise:

Request is to take two (out of four) full weeks in 2018 to coordinate and/or supply everything needed. The Methodist church facility would continue to be used. The first week is in March 2018. Dana received five names after their presentations at Mass and Lori received a couple more from the ministry fair. Lori will contact the names on her list to find out specific interests; such as food, serving, clean-up, overnights, etc. She will also look into liability concerns with Family Promise and whether other congregations in Eudora would be willing to help more with serving dinners or being overnight hosts during the week. No final decision was reached.

Updates:

Knights of Columbus:

Approved a silent auction with Turkey Bingo event. Tootsie Roll drive is this coming weekend of October 14th and 15th. Because of this the Knights won't be much help at Parish cleaning day.

St. Theresa's:

Confirmation reception is coming up and there are 39 candidates this year. There were ten attendees at the last meeting. Six were able to help with the Ministry Fair table.

Finance Council:

Discussion at meeting on repairing the roof of the parish hall. They are reviewing bids and best options. Finance Council minutes are on the website.

Thank you notes:

Up to date

Old Business:

Family Promise:

See above

Archdiocese loan payment for the new church:

At last meeting, requested to have Samantha from St. John's help with letter campaign and/or announcement at Mass. Check with Finance Council.

Church water leaks:

Archdiocese architect has been here to view the situation. Another meeting has been scheduled to present possible options.

Education Center construction:

On hold until the water leaks of the church can be repaired.

Parish hall roof repair:

See Finance Council update

Rectory work:

Next project is the garage.

Cemetery update for poison ivy:

Poison ivy should be sprayed this coming Friday. This will hopefully be finished prior to the cleaning day on Saturday.

Dead trees:

Dead trees to be removed. Replacement is on hold pending studying options for the church water leaks. Bids to be obtained for replacing dead trees.

Storage space:

The upstairs parish hall closet is for additional office use. Storage space may be needed for construction items in the church basement that seem to be "walking away".

Parish Cleaning Day:

Scheduled for October 14. Outside work is the priority.

Bulletin and Website - revisions/ideas:

No changes added or requested

Welcome bags for new parishioners:

The current group will continue to assemble and deliver welcome bags. Items in the bags will be reviewed at the next meeting.

New parishioner follow up:

Suggestion proposed to have quarterly donuts after Sunday Mass to welcome new parishioners with invitation via an announcement in the bulletin.

Hospitality committee for visiting missionaries, priests or sisters:

Will discuss further at next meeting. Sue Manning has been managing and offered to continue.

New Business:

Other committees:

There was some discussion on whether new committees/subcommittees should be formed. If these groups should be under current groups such as Knights and St. Teresa's. Will follow up at the next meeting.

Parishioner survey skills/talents:

Tom will be drafting a survey and request for information.

Ministry Fair as an annual event:

Approved

Sacristy work:

Will begin after the rectory garage work is completed.

Silent Auction:

On hold pending information of what items may be available. Cheryl will follow up.

Community Health Assessment meeting update:

Anna and Tina attended. Top priorities for Eudora are poverty, child neglect, and mental illness. Fr. Mike works with Justice Matters in Lawrence. Fr. and Anna will work with police chief and fire chief in Eudora about training on mental illness.

Parish Hall rental requirements:

Approved rewording *Use of Holy Family Property* document regarding trash disposal after hall rental.

Volunteer appreciation dinner:

Tom proposed offering the volunteer appreciation dinner again. Fr. Mike approved. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Next council meeting - November 14 at 6 p.m.