

St. Gerald Pastoral Council Meeting
September 14, 2107 – Parish Office

Attendees: Father Mark, Katie Digilio, Joe Tometich, Tim Mundorf, Bekki Koenig, Bret Wilson
TJ Ernst, Joan Luebbert

Absent: Crystalynn Garnatz, Ralph Pulte, Joe Buck, Jean Thompson

Lecto Divina: John 12:26 – Lead by Katie Digilio

Guest Speaker: Becky Tometich, on behalf of the Women's Service Group, introduced Dr. Kristine McVea, representing One World.

Dr. McVea provided information regarding the mission and services of One World Community Health Centers and responded to questions from the Pastoral Council. The Women's Service Group was seeking approval to sponsor a diaper drive for One World in October. Parishioners would be provided with a list of baby items that are needed and would also be able to purchase gift cards, or give cash donations. The drive would be explained one week and items for the drive collected the following week. All Pastoral Council members were in favor of moving forward with this initiative.

Committee Reports/Updates

Stewardship – Stewardship Sunday will be held October 21 and 22nd with food to share with participants, in the social hall following the masses, along with the information about the various groups and committees and how to sign up. Stewardship talks will be given on October 14th & 15th.

Maintenance Committee – Tim Mundorf reported the garden doors at the school are being replaced with the same type of safety door that is in operation for the chapel. An updated card reader and new cameras were provided by the Men's Club and installed at the school. A buzzer for entry at the front door of the school will also be installed. Sidewalk concrete repair will commence at 96th & Q. A proposal has been solicited to repair the rollup door in the kitchen in the social hall. The letters on the brick were painted to make them more visible from the street. The lights for the signage at 96th and Q is in process, attempting to find the electrical run used previously, but may have to install a new one.

Social Committee – Bekki Koenig will meet with the co-chairs next week.

School Advisory - Bret reported there are 387 Students enrolled in the school at this time. Fourth grade class has increased in size, second grade class is down in size this year. There is good cooperation in working with Columbkille and St. Joan of Arc in regard to enrollment opportunities. The Ignite the Faith campaign provided the school with \$40K, which allowed purchase of Google Chrome Boxes for the students. [Seeking opportunities to get the word out to parishioners of the benefits received from the Archdiocese.](#)

Liturgy Committee – Crystalynn was not present. First meeting was held September 5th. [Minutes from the meeting will be provided.](#)

Finance Committee – Ralph was not present. Finance Committee topics discussed in Pastor’s Report.

Parish Education – Joe was not present – Father Mark discussed various initiatives to get more of the youth involved in Y-Disciple and Dan Wees’ efforts to get additional small groups together. Father Mike is having an Ablaze bonfire on September 23rd at the new Ablaze property in an effort to stimulate further interest/excitement. Open to grades 7th to 10th....want to get 11th and 12th graders involved also. There is a desire to get other young people beyond our school included. [Engineering a good flow of communication to Family Formation participants in this age group is important as well as follow-up to get more participation in general.](#)

[Brent also suggested that a description of the various committees be included on the website.](#)

Pastor’s Report

Father Mark discussed the possibility of looking for new ways to provide operating capital for our parish to replace or at least reduce the pressure on the organizers of multiple fundraisers. The Angel Auction is a large line item in the budget and takes a tremendous amount of time and effort from the chairpersons and committees that support it. Is there another way to raise these funds? [The PC agreed that it is a challenge and to continue to examine options with Father Mark and TJ.](#) TJ is taking a bigger role with this year’s auction, which may help, but the number of volunteers needed and the time commitment demanded has made it increasingly difficult to find the necessary resources/volunteers.

Father Mark also discussed the wrapping up of the last two years for the Igniting the Faith/Forging Our Faith Capital Campaign. TJ is following up and reviewing the reports to determine the projection of funds to the end of the campaign. [The Pastoral Council will continue follow-up.](#)

The sound system at 96th & Q was again brought to discussion. The sound engineer was out to review the recent issues, i.e. feedback, microphone adjustment, sound levels. Seeking solutions that will not require a complete overhaul; [follow-up will continue.](#)

Father Mark asked that all committee reports be submitted in writing as many days as possible before the PC meeting to allow discussion to be expedited. He would like the PC to have time allotted at the meeting to continue on with study/discussion of “Divine Renovation”. The PC was requested to review the copy of the Pastoral Council Guidelines to allow discussion of them at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer. Next meeting is Thursday, October 12th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office.

Joan Luebbert

Recording Secretary

** [Follow-up items are noted in blue.](#)