

St. Gerald Pastoral Council Meeting
October 11, 2017 – Parish Office

Attendees: Father Mark, Katie Digilio, Joe Tometich, Tim Mundorf, Joe Buck, Jean Thompson, Ralph Pulte, Joan Luebbert

Absent: Bret Wilson, Bekki Koenig

Lecto Divina: – Lead by Katie Digilio – Philippians 3:13-14

Minutes from the September were approved as submitted. Motion by approve – Tim M., second – Crystallynn G. Unanimously approved.

The Pastoral Council Guidelines as were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that Article 3D states that a Secretary should be elected as part of the Executive Committee of the Pastoral Council. This position will also be responsible to provide minutes in the absence of the Recording Secretary.

A motion was made by Ralph P. to nominate Jean Thompson for the position, Tim M. seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by the members present.

Tim M. moved to approve the Pastoral Council Guidelines as submitted. Joe T. seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved. Father will review the Guidelines with Deacon Steve Luna as the representative of the Archdiocese to assure the guidelines are in concordance with the Archdiocese.

TJ Ernst is seeking documentation/information in regard to previous work done in regard to a Long Term Strategic Plan for the Parish. Discussion indicated that work on this had been done in 2010-2012. [Joan L. will check back to see if she can locate any documentation in regard to these efforts and report back at the November meeting.](#)

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.

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 is in process at 96th & Q. A proposal has been solicited to repair the rollup door in the kitchen in the social hall. Tentatively planning more work at the school next summer if capital campaign funds allow.

Social Committee – Bekki Koenig – No Report.

Human Needs Committee – Jean Thompson – Habitat for Humanity is in its first week of work on designate house. St. Gerald has three ministries that prepare meals for shelters and also help with food pantries. The Baby Boutique to help One World was a big success. Received a huge supply of diapers and baby articles; as well as \$950 in gift cards. The Quilting and Sewing Group provided material for 200 pillow cases to send to Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida. They partnered with Bernia to get them all sewn and shipped.

School Advisory – Bret Wilson – No Report

Open Item from 9-2017 Seeking opportunities to get the word out to parishioners of the benefits received from the Archdiocese.

Liturgy Committee – Crystalynn Garnatz – Two new sacristans have volunteered to serve. The sound system is an on-going issue. Alter servers must be in Fifth Grade or higher to serve; previously had allowed fourth graders, that has been discontinued. The Security Team is looking for a new person to head that effort. There will be a meeting for all the ministries at 96th & Q, led by Father Mark, on Sunday, November 5th. All parishioners serving in all of the ministries, i.e. EMHC's, Lectors, Ushers, Music Ministry, Sacristans, Security, etc. will be urged to attend.

Finance Committee – Ralph reported that collections for the month of August were up by approximately \$9000. The Finance Committee is reviewing the three endowment funds that are currently set up in the parish; the Father Foster Endowment Fund, the School Endowment and a Parish Endowment. Tim and Father Mark will be meeting with the final parish groups to assure fund from all groups go into the General Fund. He also indicated that Father will be giving the parish an update on the Igniting the Faith/Forging the Faith Capital campaign currently in progress. A report of the campaign pledges that are completed, active and inactive, including the dollars collected to date was provided. TJ Ernst will be working with parish volunteers to complete further follow up on uncompleted pledges to the campaign.

Parish Education – Joe Buck – Father Mark covered various areas in Parish Education in the Pastor's Report, see below. **Open Item from 9-17 PC Meeting** - Engineering a good flow of communication to Family Formation participants in 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 indicated the Family Formation numbers may be down slightly, but he did not have a final tally at this point. He reported Alpha is going well. Good participation. Parishioners have already signed up for the second session. As a part of Alpha, prayer teams are being formed and will be requested to sign up on Sundays to pray over other parishioners who are seeking prayers. All part of Vatican II to empower the laity. Father would like to get a structure set up to move people from Alpha to discipleship, to go out to the world. He is looking into programs to keep the energy moving and has appointed a six person committee to work with him and meet with Father Mellon (The Author of Divine Renovation.) to further develop the vision for our parish. Father Mark is attempting to help the

parish create a new culture, more movement toward Evangelization and Discipleship. He is also looking for more and better ways to engage our youth. Youth programs are the key to the future and “normal” should be to be excited about our faith. Father Mark is continuing to work to encourage parishioners to continue to increase Sunday Giving and he is working with TJ seek out new efforts to replace, or at least reduce the pressure on the organizers of multiple fundraisers to allow the fundraisers to be more focused on fellowship. The PC discussed the evolution of these events from that concept to becoming a budgeted line item for operations at this point in time. **The PC is in agreement with Father on these efforts and will continue to discuss.**

The sound system at 96th & Q continues to be an issue and explored with professionals. **Follow-up will continue.**

The meeting was closed with prayer. Next meeting is Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office.

Joan Luebbert
Recording Secretary

**** Follow-up items from this meeting are noted in blue. Items open from previous months are noted in red.**