

St. Gerald Pastoral Council Meeting
November 16, 2017 – Parish Office

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

Absent: Crystallynn Garnatz, Bekki Koenig

Meeting Opened with Lecto Divina: – Lead by Ralph Pulte

Minutes from the October meeting were amended to correctly reflect the Women's Quilting/Sewing Group assisted in proving pillow cases to Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida. Corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

Pastoral Council liaisons submitted reports from the Social, Maintenance, Human Needs, Finance, and Stewardship Committees, as well as the School Advisory Board. No report from the Liturgy Committee.

Pastor's report – Father Mark provided information and led discussion in regard to the new suspension policy for student athletes. Father Mark also discussed his attendance at a conference led by Fr. James Mallon, author of Divine Renovation. Discussion followed regarding conducting Leadership meetings for the parish twice a year. He also discussed the hiring of a new part time youth director and discussed that noon masses will now have contemporary music beginning in Advent in an effort to attract attendance by the parish's youth and young adults. There will also be an Advent retreat on December 2nd which will be led by Charlie Hoover for all parishioners. In consideration of recent shooting tragedies, Father also discussed the need to have a safety plan in place for various situations and the need to determine if specific training is needed. The PC representatives agreed and discussed some of the measures that currently are in place. Father Mark also discussed the on-going concerns with the sound system and indicated that options are being investigated.

PC members agreed not to meet in the month of December and to move January's PC meeting to the third Thursday, 1/18/18, due to a scheduling conflict for Father Mark.

Each PC Liaison was requested to provide a brief description of the mission and work of the committees that he/she represents to Brett Wilson for the website. Some of this information may already be available through the Stewardship Committee.

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

The meeting was closed with prayer. Next meeting is Thursday, January 18th 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.**