

St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting

October 1, 2014

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM with a prayer led Steve Cartwright.

Steve Cartwright conducted the meeting and called roll. Council Members present included Cynthia Farmer, Joe Jaksik, Larry Keller, Beth Pape, Catherine Richter, Bill Thoms, Lloyd Welty and Kellie Wiatrek. Also in attendance were Rev. Rodolfo Caballero, Jason E., Deacon Ed, Darlene LaVelle, Wayne Pape, George Kiobassa, Ken Keller, Alice Rutowski, Louis Rios, Mike Kallies, Steve Zunker, Frances Zunker and Jessica Ahr.

Father Rodolfo Caballero's Comments:

Flanagan Administrative Center has its name in place. Father Rodolfo suggested that the other buildings be named as well and a vote was taken. The ministry leaders and Pastoral Council Members chose "O'Brien Activity Center" and "Pruski Education Center".

Father announced that the "Season of Welcome" at St. Jerome will be November 2 - December 31. He wants ministries to invite people to come to Mass and experience God so that they will return. Ministries that were absent will be contacted by members present: CCD - Kellie, Girl Scouts - Jason, ACTS - Lloyd. Father noted that ministries are growing: Marriage Ministry has 35 couples, Marriage Encounter has 75 couples attending with a waiting list of 10 couples, Companions for the Journey is growing, Little Rock Scripture Study has 60 participants, RCIA has 15 in class - the most ever, CYO has 86 children enrolled - over 50 more than last year, Boy Scouts has 3 new boys for a total of 12-13, Cubs have 50-60 boys, the Altar Society has over 100 members with some new faces attending and old faces returning, 55-60 teens are attending Life Teen.

Each ministry should commit to inviting friends to a particular Mass and ask for 5 greeters to attend and greet people at the doors in November and December.

*Saturday 5:00pm - Scouts, (1st & 3rd Sundays), Companions for the Journey (2nd Sunday), Seniors (4th Sunday) *8:30 Mass - CCD (1st Sunday), Men's Club (2nd Sunday), RCIA & LLRS(3rd Sunday), Altar Society (4th Sunday) *11:00 Mass - CYO (1st Sunday), ACTS (2nd&4th Sundays), Marriage Ministry (3rd Sunday) *5:00 LifeTeen

Larry Keller stated that people are looking for a church family. We need to make them feel welcome and want to come back. Commentators will welcome visitors before Mass. Father will invite them to stand and ushers will give them welcome card with ministries, web address, phone number. Communication Committee will create a welcome card. Father requested that the Communication Committee also create a new registration form. The first weekend of November we will invite visitors to attend our turkey dinner.

Inject into ministries that we are not just church goers - we are Christians all the time.

New parishioners should be contacted by ministries. Within ministries, commit to increasing your ministry membership. Create a campaign of welcoming within your ministry to help people experience Jesus Christ. The weekend of October 11-12 the parish will conduct a survey and pass our cards for contact information for follow-up by ministry leaders.

Beth Pape moved that the Pastoral Council election be held the third Sunday of October instead of the second because of the upcoming parish survey October 11-12. Lloyd Welty seconded and the motion carried. Six candidates are on the ballot for election October 18-19.

Joe Jaksik suggested that we build a walking path to bring people in. Jessica Ahr repeated the need for a gym. Fathers' dream is that this church become a center of spirituality and eventually have a retreat center.

Old Business:

The photo copier in the office will be upgraded for making booklets. The old copier will be used by ministries who will each have a code.

New Business:

Steve Cartwright moved that the meeting gather at 6:30 in Adoration. Kellie Wiatrek seconded and the motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

October 15 - Reconciliation service (tentative)

October 22 - Alan Ames, Confessions, Mass, healing

All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving services are being planned by Deacon Ed.

Advent events - Christmas program with children led by teens.

Trunk or treat will be in the O'Brien parking lot on Halloween

Father approved the Angel Tree. It will go up Thanksgiving and come down Dec. 10.

CYO is planning to help with Raul Jimenez turkey dinner.

Altar Society will decorate for Christmas Dec. 11-12

There will be a regular Mass in the morning on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation.

Lloyd Welty moved and Cynthia Farmer seconded that we accept minutes as written.

Steve announced that this is Beth Pape's last meeting and thanked for her years of service. He also thanked Lloyd and Larry for their first term and wished them luck on the election.

Lloyd Welty moved and Kellie Wiatrek seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38. The meeting closed with prayer led by Father Rodolfo. Next meeting November 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Pape, secretary