

# PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## December 15, 2016

**Attendance:** Mike Balla, Phil Blankenstein, Tom Devlin, Maureen Gipprich, Mark Hahn, Heather Keperling, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Edrie Watson, Jay Yohn, Sister Teresa Ballisty, Msgr. Edward Domin, Deacon John Stapleton

The meeting began with a prayer.

### **Christmas Boutique**

Jay Yohn reported that the Boutique was very successful netting \$9,932.00. The vendors loved the addition of a Friday evening. Jay said the basket raffle had wonderful support from local businesses. The numerous volunteers were greatly appreciated by the committee. Vendors were given a questionnaire to get feedback about their experience. Jay suggested that a railing be placed on the stage to enable people to access it more safely.

### **Ministers of Hospitality**

Deacon John Stapleton reported that the meeting on November 12, 2016 went well. He plans on having another meeting of new and former MOH after the New Year.

### **Evangelization Request**

Mike Balla reported that someone suggested that the parish send invitations to our Christmas and Easter services. Msgr. Domin told the Council that an invitation letter is sent to active and non-active parishioners listing the times of confession and Mass schedules each year.

### **Vocation Prayer Cards**

Vocation prayer cards were placed in the pews of our church and St. Mary's church. The prayer will be recited in the Chapel and Church at each Mass. We thank the Serra Club of Reading for providing these cards.

### **Thrivent**

The Diocese of Allentown has approved the Thrivent Choice Program which allows clients to allocate funds to the charity of their choice.

### **Other Business**

There is a need for new lectors.

The sound system in the church is being updated.

All volunteers who come into contact with children must obtain the credentials for Protecting God's Children in order for the parish to be in compliance with the Diocese of Allentown.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary C. Murphy  
Secretary

Next meeting: January 26, 2017 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Maureen has the opening prayer.

