

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

June 22, 2017

Attendance: Tom Devlin, Maureen Gipprich, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Edrie Watson, Christa Weyant, Jay Yohn, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Father John Rother

The meeting began with a prayer.

Council Recruitment

Mary Murphy reported that several people have applied for membership on the Council. Interested parishioners have until June 30, 2017 to complete the required application and submit it to the Council for consideration.

Parish Retreat Day

Our Parish Retreat Day scheduled for September 30, 2017 has been finalized and will be held at the McGlenn Conference Center which is adjacent to Alvernia University. The theme will be "Taking God Out of the Box." Sister Patrice Klausung OSF will be our retreat speaker. Information about the retreat will be in the bulletin starting in July.

Lenten Fundraiser Initiative

Jay Yohn reported that a group of people would like to make and sell fastnachts the weekend before Ash Wednesday as a fundraiser for the church. As a courtesy, Msgr. Domin spoke to the Mt. Penn Fire Company Chief to make sure it would not interfere with their annual Fastnacht Sale. Upon getting a positive response from the Fire Company, Jay will inform the group they may begin making plans for the sale.

Parish Mission 2018

The Council began discussing some of the ways needed to promote attendance at our Parish Mission in February 2018. Ideas included banners for the church, flyers, Mission prayer cards, posters, etc. Mary Ann Zerkowski suggested that St. Mary's and St. Catharine's get the same publicity items.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Father Rother will begin training the new Ministers this summer.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Distribution

Edrie Watson informed the Council that the food collected was distributed to needy families in our parish and community. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also donates some of the food to "In His Name Pantry" which is located at Trinity UCC in Mt. Penn.

Other Business

Mary Ann Zerkowski emphasized the importance of making St. Mary's parishioners aware of the activities that are available to them at St. Catharine's. The Council agreed and will encourage groups to send flyers, posters, etc. to St. Mary's so they have an opportunity to participate.

The Council decided to forgo a meeting in July.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: September 28, 2017 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Tony has the opening prayer.

