

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

September 11, 2018 ~ 6:30pm

Regular meeting was called to order at 6:31pm with Deacon Todd Lovas leading the opening prayer.

Members in attendance: Butch Ballauer, Jerry Degruise, Don Kenny, Todd Lovas, Tom Moomey, Sue McQueen, Helen Thrush, Jackie Loomis, Craig Shanteau, Kaye Hemerline, Brad Swartz, and Kaylie Willoughby

Guests in attendance: Mary Moomey-Director of Faith Formation

Minutes were reviewed from the July 17th meeting and were approved as read with support from Don Kenny and Brad Swartz.

Committee Reports:

Evangelization Commission: Kaylie reported that there is no active commission at this time.

Worship Commission: Todd reported that the worship commission will be joining with the Arts and Environment team and would like to increase their membership.

Faith Formation Commission: Mary reported that Faith Formation classes will be starting soon at the St. Patrick's and St. Vincent's sites. She will be working with Joshua on incorporating music into FF classes. Sacramental preparation will be starting in October. Mary reported that she is in training for leading grief support groups and divorce support groups.

Christian Service Commission: Jerry plans to connect with food pantry and funeral dinner volunteers to create the Christian service commission.


Stewardship Commission: Deacon Todd reported on CSA and adding an online giving option for tithing to our October agenda. We discussed commission roles.

New Business:

We discussed interest in holding Alpha again in Spring 2019. A meeting for youth ministry is being planned for September 16 to discuss interest in activities. We discussed hosting a retreat and working with Gratiot County parishes and having Steve Angrisano or Jesse Manibusan as potential speakers. Deacon Todd read a version of the Stewardship prayer; members expressed interest for the prayer to be put in the hymnals and on prayer cards to be read weekly. We discussed Father Fred's birthday celebration. Thank you postcards are being mailed to CSA donors. Members will continue to be sought for the worship and evangelization commissions. Kaye discussed creating a float for the local Christmas parades. A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Kaye to contact Finance Council to request up to \$200.00 to be used for float building supplies and the motion passed unanimously. Brad agreed to represent Pastoral Council at the Finance Council meetings. Hall rental agreement will be discussed at the joint pastoral/finance council meeting, scheduled for October 16.

The meeting concluded at 8:06pm with a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kaylie Willoughby, Secretary