

## **St. Vincent de Paul Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 22, 2019**

Present at tonight's meeting: Kaylie Willoughby, Kaye Hemerline, Craig Shanteau, Doug Duffy, Don Kenny, Jackie Loomis, Brad Swartz, Butch Ballauer, Deacon Todd Lovas, Sue McQueen and Aaron Lloyd.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Butch Ballauer. Deacon Todd led our opening prayer. A sign in sheet was passed for attendees to sign. Minutes from the November 13 Pastoral Council meeting were reviewed, and were approved pending the addition of adding Deacon Todd's title to the minutes.

### **New Business:**

Discussion was held on our upcoming meetings: March 5-Pastoral Council, May 7 & October 15-Pastoral Council and Finance Council joint meetings. We decided to schedule September 8 as our "Shepherd Community Picnic" held at the St. Vincent's site; a committee will be formed to organize the event. The weekend of October 19-20 was chosen as our parish mission weekend, more details on presentations to be determined. Deacon Todd reported that a sidewalk and new fencing will be added in between the church and parish hall to be used by patrons of our food pantry.

Feedback was given on the Christmas liturgies; suggestions for next year include inviting local college students to attend our Christmas services and using the parish hall for overflow seating with a live video feed of the masses. We discussed options for the Lenten Season including showing "Jesus Christ Superstar", forming a meditation/prayer group, and hosting Stations of the Cross throughout Lent. The following members have terms ending in June 2019- Kaye Hemerline, Butch Ballauer and Helen Thrush. An appeal will be added to the bulletin this spring to nominate new members for three year terms to the council. Feedback was provided on greetings and birthday/anniversary acknowledgements during mass.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building/Grounds Committee:** Aaron reported that the Shepherd Fire Dept. has offered to provide an informational CPR class to our parish this spring. Aaron is also working on creating diagrams of our buildings showing emergency exits and locations of our fire extinguishers and AEDs.

We discussed using our demographics report to meet needs of local families by possibly hosting parenting classes at our parish hall in conjunction with the MSU Extension office. Plans to utilize local newspapers to advertise our events and services were discussed.

Deacon Todd led the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaylie Willoughby, Secretary