

St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by chair Jackie Loomis. Present at the meeting were: Deacon Todd Lovas, Tom Moomey, Brad Swartz, Tim Sieracki, Jackie Loomis, Kaylie Willoughby, Nancy Scovill, Judy Moldenhauer and Craig Shanteau.

Deacon Todd and Brad led the opening prayer. Attendance was taken and members updated the contact information sheet. Kaylie provided copies of the Pastoral Council minutes from the June 18 meeting; Tom and Brad motioned to approve the minutes as presented.

New Business:

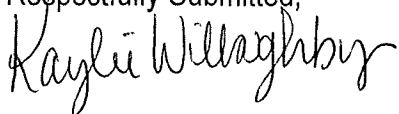
The Shepherd Community Picnic is being planned for September 8th at the St. Vincent Site. We discussed donations, advertising and activities planned for the picnic. We will be adding contact information to the bulletin for those who would like to provide donations to the potluck, silent auction and kids games. A donation box will be at the picnic for those wishing to donate money to projects through Shepherd Public Schools.

Our Parish Mission is being planned for October 20-22. We plan to have a meal in the social hall each evening and then a presentation and music with Steve Angrisano. We discussed creating a logo for our parish so we can be recognizable in the community; members reported that we created a t-shirt for our 100th Anniversary which may give us ideas on how to create our new logo. Deacon Todd reported on information he received regarding groups selling Holy Land carvings to support Christians living in the Holy Land; discussion was held on how the funds support those creating the carvings and if this would be a worthwhile cause to support. We also discussed how we can support those at our borders seeking asylum in the United States; Deacon Todd agreed to provide information in the bulletin for those wishing to support reputable organizations such as Catholic Relief Services.

Members determined the Pastoral Council meeting schedule for the coming year: October 15, 2019, December 17, 2019, February 18, 2020, April 21, 2020 and June 16, 2020. Our next joint meeting with the Finance Council is scheduled for October 8, 2019. Members discussed issues with items (flowers, United States flags) being tipped over and mowed over at our cemeteries. We discussed the need to form a committee to help organize the Helping Hands food packing event in October. We will be packaging 10,000 meals to send to Burkina Faso and will need approximately 100 volunteers to work at the event. Deacon Todd reported that he has received a request from Bishop Gruss' office to decide on potential dates to have Bishop Gruss visit the parish this year. Building and maintenance issues were discussed including spalling bricks on the steeple and adjusting the cross on the front of the church which is bent.

Brad Swartz reported that he will be moving out of the area and is resigning from the Pastoral Council. Members thanked Brad for his support and participation on the council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm with a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kaylie Willoughby, Vice Chair