

St. Vincent de Paul Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Deacon Todd Lovas. Present at the meeting were: Liz Bacon, Bev Kalmar, Tim Sieracki, Don Moeggenberg, Craig Shanteau, Deacon Todd Lovas and Kaylie Willoughby. Deacon Todd led the opening prayer and a sign in sheet was provided for members to sign. The minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting were approved as presented via motion by Tim Sieracki and Don Moeggenberg.

Committee Reports:

Faith Formation: On May 16 a parents date night is being planned with a meal and activities for children at the parish hall.

Arts and Environment Committee: members discussed set up times to decorate for the Lenten Season. We spoke about interest in having a dramatic reading before the Good Friday service.

Old Business:

The parish development committee has a meeting planned for February 23 and subcommittees are needed to work on various topics concerning the parish's buildings and cemeteries. Our 2020 community picnic is scheduled for August 23 and volunteers are needed to plan and work at the picnic. We spoke about the need to save \$1,000.00 to use for future picnics. Members shared ideas for entertainment including a caricature artist and the Central Michigan Area Concert Band. We are still deciding on an organization to donate money to from the proceeds of the silent auction. We determined that 3 vacant pastoral council seats should be filled and information will be added to this week's bulletin for those interested in volunteering to join the council.

New Business:

Deacon Todd discussed interest in hosting a continuous reading of the Bible during Ordinary Time. We discussed interest in having families host the traveling chalice during Ordinary Time. Deacon Todd reported that we will be celebrating mass for St. Leo the Great, St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul's feast days this year. The 2020 Lenten schedule was distributed for members to review. Deacon Todd shared a letter from Bishop Gruss about feedback from the parish mergers. Tim spoke about having a Mother's Day breakfast and having a side altar to celebrate saints' feast days.

Deacon Todd led the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for April 21.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kaylie Willoughby, Vice Chair