

Meeting Minutes for St. Raymond Pastoral Council Meeting

May 16, 2017

Members in attendance: Fr. Derek Sakowski, Fr. Alan Guanella, Lisa Olson, Jane Mueller, Jake Geisert, John Kuehn, Marj Messerschmidt, John Jaenke, Mike Quirk.

Members absent: Tom Falbo, Bob Gruba.

Last meeting minutes are reviewed. Corrections include Bob and Jake are in charge of the bonfire and date is June 3 for the Pentecost Vigil. Minutes approved.

Lightning Round:

1. Fr. Derek: 24 hr for the Lord at IC was 6 hours for Fr. Derek, more for Fr. Guanella. Very well attended. Lines did get long, some priests did not have screens, so this will need to be addressed as not all want to do face-to-face. Confessions were well attended at both St. Mary's and St. Raymond's. RCIA had a large number of new members as well. 500th anniversary of posting of the theses by Martin Luther will be commemorated at IC October 29 at 4 PM in a 1 hour prayer service. Anticipate 150-200 choir members from area churches to participate. Reception to be held at St. John's next door after service.

Vacation went well. Confirmation and 1st Communions went well also. Our Lady of Fatima celebration was held at St. Mary's but was not well advertised.

Fr. is spending a great deal of time on building issues at St. Mary's. Rectory cleaning will need to be cleaned between Fr. Guanella and Fr. Thelen.

2. Fr. Guanella is preparing for leaving. Will say his last local Mass will be Thursday and then he will be flying out on the following Tuesday. Working on taking care of issues at Regis before he leaves.

3. Jake: Pentecost-Fire will be behind the shed toward the hill to be out of the wind. It will be in a pan to protect the grass. Roof repair-someone mentioned a concern to Jake that they would like multiple bids. Fr. assures this will be done.

4. Marj: Festival speech was made this month by Marj, last month by Mike and next month is Ron. Each person will address a different aspect. Fr. G asked about the online sign up and this will be clarified at next festival meeting. Fr. Derek and Fr. G agreed a postcard can be sent to all parishioners to be a "save the date" help and the letter will still address all the different aspects of the festival. Marj will mention at the festival meeting.

5. John J.: Knights will contribute food. They would like a number, so the suggestion is made to plan for 120 people.

6. Mike: Lawn at the rectory at St. Raymond's is taking too long for Pat and Janet. New mower is needed. Scott Barth does every other week and gets done in 1 hour. Marj volunteers her mower to help until new mower is obtained.

7. Jane: Concern raised about the timeliness of getting new music to the choir members. Sydney has been asked and is putting off handing out. Choir members are uncomfortable with limited time to learn the music.

Old Business:

1. Veronica S would like to not have the wooden cross in the sanctuary for Lent and Easter. It is not required and Veronica doesn't feel it is appropriate as another decoration. Council discussed options for smaller cross, moving it to the Narthex or removing it. Fr. Derek will discuss with those that decorate the church. A consultative vote showed a desire to keep it where it is currently located.
2. Prayers of the Faithful: They were streamlined several years ago. They are getting too long and may be addressing pets. Anniversaries were removed after we started Anniversary blessings but have made their way back in. Tom Falbo has expressed concern about needing more serious intentions. Fr. G suggested a more general heading with a remark to the book of remembrance. They are meant to be general. The written intentions get thrown out after mass without getting read by anyone. Suggestion to have birthdays in bulletin. Some intentions could be prayed for at another time. Some Regis mothers have a prayer group and read out the intentions and say a prayer for each. We would need to address our change initially as "for the birthdays, anniversaries, and the sick in our book of remembrance." The book would be available for anyone to say prayers for intentions specifically in the book.
3. Positioning of EMHC at Communion time. Fr. G mentioned his home church just moved the people off to the side. Fr Derek will talk to Carla K
4. Capital campaign: Invite the Bishop at the end of the payoff in celebration. Need to plan a date and type of event.

Closing Prayer by Fr. Guanella.

COMBINED MEETING

1. Family Faith Formation meeting will occur with Mary K and Marianne. St. Mary's will be one Wed each month. Details have to be worked out. Confirmation Sat was lovely and thanks to Mary and Marianne for their hard work.
2. Good luck to Fr. Guanella. Clean up is early June at the rectory and signage is at St. Mary's. Windows need cleaning as well as basement. Will be complete before Fr. Thelen arrives.
3. Next meeting: July 18, 2017 with St. Mary's to meet at 6 PM, combined meeting at 7 and St. Raymond's to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Messerschmidt, acting secretary