

DATE: 24 SEPTEMBER 2017

RE: SEPTEMBER 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Jon and Kate Ayres, Terry Beecroft, Claire and Paul Brewer, Jen Brown, Karen Bucyk, Maureen Donahue, Joanne Levesque, Dianne and Ed Mills, Jane O'Connor, Deacon Paul and Kathy Specht, Bob and Sue Taft, Meredith Smith

The meeting was held at Star of the Sea Father Morgan Hall. The meeting started with an Opening Prayer provided by Dianne Mills and refreshments provided by Dianne Mills and Terry Beecroft.

The meeting started with welcoming the newest members of the Pastoral Council: Bob and Sue Taft, Jen Brown, Jon and Kate Ayres, Claire and Paul Brewer, and Jane O'Connor.

The council discussed the Ministry Fair that was held on September 9 and 10 at each parish.

- Minimal attendance at each parish, though several ministries and organizations have reported new members. Perhaps timing and location affected this. Star of the Sea Parish: Not being familiar with the concept of a Ministry Fair may have influenced participation.
- Most displays were well done.
- Name tags were used in Salisbury. Recommend using in both parishes.
- Pastoral Council table: provide list of current members.
- Idea: Highlight a different ministry/organization at Mass each week.

Hospitality Team Update – The Team is working with Christine to put together a welcome packet to be distributed to new parishioners.

Fr. Scott gave a brief overview of the Pastoral Council's purpose and mission. The Council, which is required by the Archdiocese of Boston, is the chief advisory group to the pastor and staff – a pastoral think tank. Council meetings are open to all parishioners. Minutes of Council meetings will be made available to each parish's Finance Council, on the website, as well as at the back of the church.

Fr. Scott introduced formed.org, often described as "Netflix" for Catholics. Council members will register with and explore the website in order to provide feedback at the October meeting. Meredith has completed a grant application for a subscription discount for the next two years.

Fr. Scott introduced 5 possible gifts – 3 books, 1 CD, and 1 DVD – to be distributed at Christmas Masses. Copies of 2 of the 3 books were distributed and instructions given for accessing the CD and DVD on formed.org. Council members committed to reviewing these items for discussion and decision at the October meeting.

The Council committed itself to a yearlong process to develop a Mass schedule for our parishes that one priest could do, if necessary. The Council will engage parishioners in this process.

Council members from Star of the Sea Parish committed to a yearlong process exploring handicap accessibility at the Town Church.

Closing Prayer was provided by Terry Beecroft.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at Star of the Sea Father Morgan Hall at 6:45pm.

Hospitality to begin at 6:30pm.

- Refreshments: Joanne Levesque
- Opening Prayer: Maureen Donohue
- Closing Prayer: Deacon Paul