

DATE: 28 AUGUST 2016
RE: AUGUST PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Chris, Deacon Paul, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donohue, Marian Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Jack Luz, Dianne Mills, Ed Mills

The meeting was held at the Holy Family Parish Lower Church. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Terry Beecroft and refreshments provided by Carol Casey and Marian Hefron.

It was decided by the Parish Council that prior to each month's meeting, a report would be distributed giving the updates on certain projects that do not necessarily need to be discussed at the meetings:

The Pilgrimage - 20+ travelers have signed up to begin the Pilgrimage on Oct 3.

1,000,000 Works of Mercy – 80,000 Works of Mercy with less than 3 months to go.

Knights of Columbus – We have 26 members and the Knights will soon be involved in activities for the Living Water Catholic Collaborative.

Organization/Staff Changes – Fr. Scott is still searching and reviewing applicants for the position of Director of Lifelong Faith Formation.

Weekend Mass - Sunday evening Mass will begin on Sept 18 at 5:30pm at the Star of the Sea Parish. During the spring of 2017, this Mass will transfer to the Holy Family Parish.

Billboard - Fr. Scott is waiting for the official license transfer from the Dept. of Transportation. (post meeting development: license in hand and 1st billboard up!)

The Kick-Off Dinner will be taking place on September 17. A sub-committee has been started to plan and organize this event. The event coordinators are Terry Beecroft, Carol Casey, Maureen Donahue, Marian Hefron, Joanne Levesque, and Dianne Mills. Sue Greaney sent out about 50 invites and as of August 28, 25 have accepted.

An update on the Evangelical Catholic – Online training will begin in the fall for Fr. Chris and Bev Fournier, who will be leading this initiative.

The Council discussed the summer activities – The Red Sox game was a success. Good turnout, great weather and the team won! The movie night was a success. Decent turnout and the kids enjoyed the movie as well as the treats. Campfire was a huge success. Many positive comments and are looking forward to having another one next year. Blessing of the Ocean – Good turnout and great weather.

The Council also discussed the possibility of having Our Neighbor's Table having their meals at the Parish Hall. Concerns were about the timing of the set up and funeral collations that may be scheduled for the same day, as well as, if something were to happen to any of the equipment, who would be responsible.

Fr. Chris spoke about a special civic gathering and interfaith prayer service for the 15th anniversary of 9/11. 9:00am at Holy Family Parish with breakfast being served afterward in the Parish Hall.

Other events/activities that were discussed included:

9/24 – St. Vincent DePaul Walk for the Poor

10/1 – Blessing of Pets at Star of the Sea Parish

10/1 and 10/2 – Clever Container Fundraiser after each Mass at Holy Family Parish

10/8 – Bean Supper/Concert at Star of the Sea Parish

10/15 – Turkey Dinner at Holy Family Parish

10/15 – Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

11/1 – Mass for All Saints and Eucharistic Minister Training

11/6 – Christmas Fair at Holy Family Parish

11/6 - Mass of Remembrance

Pilgrimage of Mercy to the Holy Doors at the Cathedral in Boston to mark the end of the Year of Mercy. Date is TBD.

The next meeting is TBD. Fr. Scott to check his schedule.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Terry Beecroft and Joanne Levesque

Opening prayer for next meeting will be provided by Dianne Mills and closing prayers will be provided by Marian Hefron.

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