

DATE: 26 JUNE 2016
RE: JUNE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

Fr. Scott, Fr. Chris, Deacon Paul, Terry Beecroft, Karen Bucyk, Carol Casey, Gene Cote, Marc Dodier, Maureen Donohue, Thea Gove, Marian Hefron, Joanne Levesque, Jack Luz, Dianne Mills, Ed Mills

The meeting was held at the Star of the Sea Parish Father Morgan Hall. The evening started with a light meal to welcome Fr. Chris, as this was his first Council Meeting since being assigned to our Parishes. The meeting started with an opening prayer provided by Maureen Donohue.

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:

<u>The Pilgrimage -</u>	has 14 Parishioners signed up and the tour group is looking for 20.
<u>1,000,000 Works of Mercy –</u>	74,000 acts of Mercy and 5 months left.
<u>Knights of Columbus –</u>	The goal of 20 members has been reached. Several members have received their 3 rd degree.
<u>Steubenville East –</u>	Fr. Chris will be attending this event. There are 2-3 young people from are parishes also participating.
<u>Organization/Staff Changes –</u>	The Archdiocese has approved Deacon Ray Doucette's request for a year of renewal and discernment, effective June 15 th . Fr. Scott is still reviewing applicants for the position of Director of Lifelong Faith Formation.
<u>Evangelical Catholic -</u>	Fr. Scott will be meeting with a group of former ARISE participants on July 6 th to launch this initiative in the fall.
<u>Summer Initiatives -</u>	Possible involvement with Amesbury PD for the National Night Out. Family Movie Night showing the LEGO movie on August 3 rd . Community Campfire Night on August 25 th .

The Council discussed the Priority Teams for the Pastoral Plan – Faith Formation currently has 12 members, Vocations has 8, Service Team has 8, and Hospitality has 15.

Fr. Scott is planning a Kick-Off Dinner in the Fall for the Parish Staff, Finance and Parish Council members, Plan Writing Team and Priority Teams. Carol, Maureen, Terry, Joanne, Marian and Dianne have volunteered to help with the organizing of this event.

Fr. Scott asked for a final input on the possibility of a Sunday evening Mass. The Council all agreed that it was a good idea to offer the additional Mass option. There will be a Sunday evening Mass at 5:30. It will be at the Star of the Sea Parish during the school session. The intent is to have the Religious Education students take part in the Mass as part of their program. The Guitar Group is interested in leading the music at the Sunday evening Mass in place of the of 9:00am Mass.

Fr. Scott spoke about a special Mass/celebration for the 15th anniversary of 9/11. He will be meeting with First Responders to discuss this.

He also spoke about Parish Nursing. Rose McBride will taking the Archdiocesan parish nurse training in the fall. Some examples that were mentioned were quarterly blood pressure checks, health fair, etc.

Jack Luz spoke about a Knights of Columbus Essay contest. He and Marc Dodier will work on this initiative.

Star of the Sea is hoping to have a Raffle/Yard Sale during Labor Day Weekend. Any volunteers can contact Don Beaulieu of the Finance Council.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 28th at Holy Family Parish Lower Church.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Marian Hefron and Carol Casey.

Opening Prayer will be provided by Terry Beecroft and closing Prayer will be provided by Joanne Levesque.