

OLV Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 30, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Father John Cayer, Joe Masterson, Nancy Frey, Alice McDonald, Rocio Gallina, Linda Carpp, and Tony Albano

Opening Prayer:

Father John, Feast of St. Jerome

Minutes of Past Meeting:

August 26, 2008 minutes presented by Tony Albano, approved by Council

Old Business:

1. The Parish Picnic will be held October 12th after the 10:30 Mass. Live music, free food, snow cones, games, and horseback rides will be provided. The bulletin will remind parishioners to just bring themselves and chairs.
2. Mr. Frank Runyeon will present Gospel Story Dramatizations on Dec. 19th at 7:00 in the church. Cost is \$10 per person, \$25 a family. Tickets will go on sale in October. If we don't sell out (610 seats in church) we will offer tickets to other parishes. Check Mr. Runyeon out on his website www.frankrunyeon.com.
3. Father passed out Frequently Asked Question packets for Sharing the Vision-Growing in Faith Campaign (Diocesan initiative to create an endowment to support the goals created by the Diocesan Assembly Days in 2007). It is a 26 million dollar initiative. Every parish family will receive a phone call and be offered an opportunity to participate. This campaign will be open to the church through November. Information about the campaign will also be included in future bulletins.
4. Father put together an OLV advertisement page for the military guide website. He will send it out to the Council when he has the final draft. The paid advertisement in the Newcomers Military Guide allows us a page on their website, plus a spot on the county military map guide. We also have one free line in the yellow pages, and signs around town. The question was brought up whether advertising in the Crestview yellow pages of our local phonebook would be cheaper than the big book yellow pages.
5. The first Sunday of each month will be Donut Sunday. So far they are working out well. The Youth Group pancake breakfast brought in over \$200. The Youth Group worked well together for a good cause.
6. Everyone likes when the House of St. Joseph comes to OLV to sell books and religious items. And YES, the Gospel Lighthouse in Crestview sells Rosaries.
7. The new Gather Hymnals with OLV in gold letters embossed on the cover should arrive soon.

New Business:

1. Blessing of animals by Fr. Lagura will be this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in front of the church/ Mary statue in the courtyard. Spread the word. It didn't make it in the bulletin on time.
2. The Catholic Care Center will serve Thanksgiving lunch at KC Hall on Nov. 22nd from 12:00-4:00 p.m.
3. The Rosary Garden is in the planning stages. Ms. Adamson is helping with the project and the KC are sponsoring this undertaking. The Garden will be located in the level area close to the front of the church (where the original Rosary Garden was). This Rosary

Garden will be a sanctuary with benches, bushes, and statues of Jesus and Mary. Father is looking into acquiring a statue of St. Francis to replace the large, older, concrete statue of Mary near the woods.

4. Father will be attending a Priest Retreat Oct. 13th-17th. Communion service by Deacon

Ken and Adoration on Friday.

5. We will conduct our second annual Ministry Day at OLV on Nov. 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served at noon. This is a spiritual day of reflection for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Choir and Alter Servers. Father Paul White will join Father John in program presentations.
6. Cathy Currier will soon be initiating a Wednesday evening faith sharing for RE parents. This will take place in the Chapel while students attend RE. Please remind those participating that no food or drinks are allowed in the Chapel.
7. Alice will remove the collection box for the poor from the Narthex. Also, ushers need to work out a plan for protecting the first collection, as the second collection is being conducted.
8. The Advent Penance Service will be December 18th at 7:00 p.m.
9. The annual Christmas Party will be December 20th from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. The location has not been decided. Joe will check with the KC to see if their hall is available. A majority of the Council preferred the KC hall to the church hall. Alice has arrangements figured out if we have it in the church hall. If it is in the KC hall we cannot hang up Christmas lights. Linda and Rocio offered to help with decorations.
10. Rocio brought up that parking lot lighting is still an issue for RE nights. Father informed the group that two new lights have been installed. The suggestion was also made to have a sidewalk between the church and hall. Father will contact Joe McCarthy for ideas, options and a cost estimate.
11. Joe shared a design of the Crucifix stand he will make for the Processional Cross. Father approved the design and asked for it to have cloth where the Crucifix will be sitting.
12. Music boards for the church will be researched by Father and Tony.
13. The Spanish contact is now listed in the bulletin.
14. Rocio brought up the overcrowding in some of the RE classrooms. The 4th grade class will be split. RE is looking into the possibility of split sessions on Wednesdays or adding Sunday sessions in the future.
15. At times the children crying in the Narthex can be heard in the pews toward the back of the church.
16. The 14 Stations of the Cross are up in the church with number and name plates under them, thanks to Joe. Station XV is in Father's office.
17. Joe shared concerns about the outside wooden benches weathering too quickly. Linda and her husband purchased one bench and understood upon purchasing it that it would weather being outside. Father will check to make sure it gets oiled more often.
18. We will hold elections for new Pastoral Council members and officers in December (after the Sharing the Vision-Growing in Faith Campaign)
19. Next meeting date is November 18th at 7:00, due to the Sharing the Vision committee meetings each Tuesday in October.

Closing Prayer

Father John

Adjournment

8:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Linda Carpp