

**MINUTES**  
**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Sept 3, 2017**

1. Attendance: All Pastoral Council Members were in attendance or excused. (See Atch 1)
2. Opening Prayer: Father Bob led the Parish Council in prayer
3. Approved Minutes from 2 July 2017
4. Opening Remarks:
  - a. Father Bob spoke about Bishop Wack's magnificent installation ceremony as well as the high energy and involvement he wants to bring to our community. Father Bob recounted how humble Bishop Wack is and knows he'll be a great shepherd for our diocese. With a new bishop and all the activities in the church we should be excited about the future. Finally, we were asked to pray for Bishop Parks and his continuing health issues.
  - b. Lenny Smales welcomed Father Bob back from his well-deserved vacation and commented on the Bishop's installation as well.
5. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Fundraising Committee Update Cici Hruby
    - i. Cici began by discussing the deficit from the Easter book purchase and will coordinate with Mary Beth to reconcile. There was good conversation about the next book event and Deacon Jim, Tricia and Len made suggestions on how to avoid overages next time.
    - ii. Ralph Sorrell talked about a fundraising proposal (See Atch 2) that is projected to net about \$1500 for the parish. This 'Parish Dance' concept would require one of the three major organizations to sponsor and needs further coordination. As details were considered, Deacon Bill stated that we might need approval from the diocese in order to sell alcohol at the event. Dick Harp said the Pricilla Circle is planning a Harvest Dance in the fall so we would have to deconflict from their date. Tricia asked Ralph to stop by the office to take a closer look at the master calendar to better plan a date that would work. Len thanked Ralph for his work and Deacon Jim recommended the PC take the idea to the Knights of Columbus and CCW to see if they are willing to sponsor.
  - b. Ministry Workshop Update Diane Mitchell
    - i. Diane discussed the upcoming Ministry Workshop on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and the information she e-mailed out. The day will begin with breakfast, mass and comments from Father and the deacons before the workshop begins. Deacon Jim mentioned the main discussion topic for the workshop would be the new scheduling system. Also, for future workshops, it was suggested we budget for breakfast items instead of asking people to cook.

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- c. Pastoral Council Election Update Tom Means
    - i. Tom briefed a bulletin insert was sent to the COR office and asked it be run for the month of September with reminders from the deacons at the end of each mass. Posters and ballots will be prepared as candidates are identified and, on the last week in September, we'll announce the formal election procedures in the bulletin.
  
  - d. Parish Picnic Update Rich Pearson
    - i. Rich announced the Parish Picnic will be on Sunday 15 Oct. Since Rich has another engagement, he documented lessons learned from previous years, setup actions, and bulletin announcements for the new picnic coordinator Ken Rodriguez. To date the tent has been ordered and catering has been arranged with Café Rico and the Knights of Columbus. There will be more details to follow at the next Parish Council meeting.
6. New Business:
- a. Ministry Liaison Reports
    - i. Social: Single Divorced, Widowed Jed Clements
      - 1. No report
  
    - ii. Hospitality: Ralph Sorrell
      - 1. Donut Brigade (See Atch 3)
        - a. Ralph spoke to the numerous changes made over the last 6 months and the training manual he put together. There was a suggestion to move the location to the Narthex or just outside the church but Deacon Jim advocated against it. There was agreement we should keep the liturgical activities in the church and social events in the Parish Hall. Deacon Bill discussed a growing problem of missing items from the Parish Hall and suggested a comprehensive inventory of items including chairs and tables.
      - 2. Welcome committee
        - a. No report
  
  - b. Upcoming Assignment: Ministry Appreciation Dinner Lenny Smales
    - i. Len stated this dinner was based on positive feedback from past years and will need a POC to host it by next quarter.
7. Finance Council Dick Harp
- a. Dick reported the offertory is down this year by \$12k and will be looking at ways to ask parishioners to contribute more. He believes individual contributions won't need to increase drastically to meet our budgetary requirements. The council discussed a bigger effort to reach out to newcomers to recruit as tithing parishioners. Another suggestion was

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to publicize large purchases and demonstrate where the money is going which may motivate members to give more.

8. Closing Prayer by Father Bob

Respectfully submitted by:

Tom Means, COR Pastoral Council Secretary

**Upcoming dates:**

1 Oct, Pastoral Council Meeting at 12pm