

## Church of St. Joseph Parish Pastoral Council

April 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Lynda True, Bernie Dutke, Angie Neumann, Roberta Grady, Ryan Kracht, Lisa Gonzalez, Fr. Creagan, Ronnie Santana, Sylvia Ryan

**Guests:** Gina Bauer

Lynda offered a prayer to open the meeting at 6:31 pm. Minutes from March 7 meeting were approved, with correction of one typo.

Hospitality Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7 – not needed, we will only do the event for Fr. Creagan

Save the date – Parish Council Potluck on June 6 at Tom and Sylvia Ryan's house

Gina gave us an overview of the Youth program. This year they have had 2 retreats and will be sending 2 buses to California for the summer Steubenville trip (78 kids!). Her hours have been increased to 30 a week and she has an event assistant working 10- 15 hours a week. Shantel S. is doing a great job helping to manage the details of their events. Her biggest need right now is people praying rosaries for the success of the summer mission trip and the entire program. They are asking for 4,000 rosaries.

There will be a celebration of Fr. Creagan's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a cake after the 9am mass on May 7. This will be hospitality Sunday with donuts as well.

Fr. Creagan and Roberta updated us on the June 10 Reunion. It was decided to leave the event as a reunion only, to which all parishioners are invited, even if they did not attend the school. We expect about 800 to attend. There will be a meal (2 different sandwiches and coleslaw) with pop and water. Beer and wine will be for sale as well. There will be a dance (Jonah and the Whales will perform) and at the end of the evening there will be a taco bar. The committee is still working out the details of parking. The Great Room will have a slide show. And individual classes will have reunion stations set up in the classrooms.

Fr. Creagan reminded us that there will be the Liturgy of the Hours said in lieu of the morning mass on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This prayer service is comprised of several psalm readings and takes about 20 minutes. All, including our non-Catholic friends are welcome. After the Easter Vigil Mass Saturday, there will be a potluck party in the Foran Room. Bring a goody to share and we'll party a little longer.

Ryan – Held the first Neighborhood Party in the Foran Room. He invited 22 households, 8 attended. It was held in the Foran Room from 10am to 11am. They enjoyed it. He took a survey, and they thought, once a quarter was often enough and they liked the purely social aspect. Eventually, it would be good to extend this to all people, not just the Catholics in the neighborhood. Ryan found out that no matter how you draw the lines, it is easy to miss someone. Several people indicated that would like to help plan the next event. This could also be a spring board for welcoming new families to the parish.

Fr. Abraham was overwhelmingly pleased with his anniversary party and says Thank You!

Roberta reported that the special hospitality Sunday for former St. Michael's parishioners had a turnout of 35 and was very successful.

We need to look for replacements to the P.C. for Sylvia R, Lisa G., Lynda T. and Bernie D. We especially need someone to cover the demographic group of parents whose kids have just finished high school.

We adjourned at 8:20. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm.