

## SAINT NICHOLAS PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2019 @ 7pm

### Good Shepherd Hall

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
2. Father Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Sign in sheet was passed: **Present**: Father Tom, Elaine Brandon, Joyce Bulinski, Glenn Durette, Deacon Ken Ewaskie, Stanley Jachimowski, Ruth Majoros, Tony Montefusco, Carol Soisson, Michael Vignola. **Excused Absence**: Alese Kummer, Mark Silvia.
4. Alese gave Fr. Tom her report due to her absence.
5. Father Tom said things were going as smoothly as could be expected in St. Nicholas Parish.
6. Committee Reports:

**Business Manager**: Fr. read Alese's report:

**St. Augustine** – our pre-owned lawn cutting tractor of 2 years died and the cost to repair is well over \$1,000. We are keeping our eyes and ears open for a new or used riding lawn mower.

The large copier in St. Augustine's Rectory office has been moved over to the office of Good Shepherd and is being shared by all departments. The rep from the company, Frank Parada and Keith Strubbe helped move the machine using St. Augustine's pick-up truck.

All else is running as smoothly as can be expected.

**Good Shepherd** – The organ in the church proper has had a professional cleaning and tuning.

The votive candle stands were finally finished with the glass globes and 5-day candles inserted. Everyone seems very pleased with the candles finally being in the church.

Frank installed a heat shield film on the hall window in the rectory. The afternoon summer sun was heating the hall landing and sending the heat to Father's rooms. The Church a/c units need a compressor fan replacement on 2 fan motors and the second refrigeration circuit has a leak that needs attention. A quote is being sought.

**St. Augustine Cemetery** – our new parish has had 20 funerals so far this year and 4 of the deceased have been buried in St. Augustine.

Denny McNamara has been busy in between the raindrops measuring and pouring the foundations needed for a number of new markers and monuments that have come in.

Overall, all residents seem to be quiet and happy.

**Finance Council Report:** Mike said they have had the First Quarterly Review and expenses were in line for 2019 budget. The Offertory Revenue was much less than budget. Father Tom feels the offertory revenue will improve in the second quarter. There have been no cash flow issues since the beginning of the year; and the checking account has about \$20,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July is forecast to match budget. On line giving has six participants at present, it is expected this will increase.

In reviewing the Parish Center lot with the Town of Seymour it was determined the driveway meets local zoning and lot could be split into two parcels; the Parking Lot and the Parish Center building. Father Tom has notified the Archdiocese to get approval for the sale of the Parish Center. Father said it could take a long time to get approval from the diocese as the diocese doesn't like to sell property, Stanley suggested getting a surveyor in to do the split. There is a suspected water issue on the property which Aquarion is checking into. The Church and Rectory are considered one parcel and could not be split.

Mike said the Finance Council will review the P&L for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter sometime in the first two weeks of July.

**Deacon's Report:** Deacon Ken is planning an education program for the parish on June 27 at 7pm at Good Shepherd. Deacon Ken wants to make the parishioners aware of the reasons for each part of the Liturgy and the wonderful inheritance we have being born into the Catholic Faith. Christ is truly present to us in Mass and he wishes the next generation to be aware of this gift also. All are invited

**Religious Education:** Glenn said that 1-8 classes are finished, 28 First Communion children and about 48 for Confirmation this year. Things look good going forward, Glenn has applied to the Seymour Board of Education for classroom use in the Fall and will probably know mid-September what the arrangements will be after the school year activities commence. There will be a parent's meeting in August.

There are 380 children in St. Nicholas Parish Religious Education program. Registration is ongoing and several often trickle in during the summer.

**Music Ministry:** Carol said their practices at St. Augustine has stopped for the summer. Mark is away this week so we will be on our own on Sunday. Glenn said organ has been tuned at Good Shepherd.

**Altar Guild:** Joyce expressed a concern about obtaining flowers for St. A, she told us that we haven't had any money to buy ones. Father said that GS hasn't received any money for flowers either. We will look to people's gardens for summer flowers. Father prefers not to have silk flowers on the altar. All Altar Guild team members have been very good.

**Parish Nurses:** Carol reported a very good group at the last blood pressure screening at St. A. She is still hoping that someone will offer to do the same at

Good Shepherd. She said it doesn't have to be an RN, could also be an LPN, CNA or EMT. She is willing to help set it up and train the volunteers.

**Sacred Heart League:** Elaine said that the June meeting will be a dinner at Bistro 143 in Oxford with 16 planning on attending, nice mixture of both churches in the parish. The meetings in Sept, Oct and Nov will be on the first Friday of the month with different speakers invited.

**Men's Club:** Tony reported that they had a Family breakfast last Sunday, turnout was less than usual they think because of Father's Day. They will have another breakfast in the Fall and plan on meeting with the Social Committee members to plan events for the Fall including the Quilt Raffle event and maybe a pizza or pasta night. There will be no meetings in July and August.

7. **Old Business:** Stanley asked about the value of checking into a service for the lawn maintenance as it might be more financially feasible than purchasing a new tractor; maybe the folks that do GS would be interested in doing St. A's also, Father said they had been approached and didn't have time.

There was some discussion on how the Spooner House dinner is organized, St. A's does it on the first Thursday of the month, cooking and serving the residents. GS drops food off the 1st Sunday of the month. Joyce would like to see some new faces participate with St. Augustine's cooking and serving.

8. **New Business:** Joan asked Father if it was a good idea to have Council Members introduced at the churches so the parishioners would know who was involved. Father said he felt he would rather they come to him with any issues or concerns.

Glenn asked about approval of the minutes which we should have been doing and will at the next meeting, thank you Glenn for bringing this to our attention.

9. **Next Meeting: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 AT 7PM AT FATHER KEANE HALL.**

10. **Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm**

Submitted by Joan M Kayser, Chairperson and Secretary