

St. Luke's Parish Pastoral Council
2019-2020
Thursday October 10, 2019
7:10 PM Conference Room

Attendees: Mary Johnson, Tonya Althaus, Deacon Fred, Jennifer Joensen, Gary Olsen, Deacon Don, Fr. Ken, Dana Bastian, Shani Wahl, and Judy Jones

Not Present: Jason Richards, Brian Warner

Guests: Susan Grebasch

Opening Prayer Fr. Ken

1. **September Meeting Minutes~ Mary Johnson**
 - a. **Edit to Sept meeting minutes - add the date**
 - b. **Motion to accept~ Gary**
 - c. **Second ~ Tonya**
 2. **Sisters of St. Luke's (SSL) ~ Dana Bastian - service aspects of the Church (not the school); similar to Catholic Daughters, etc**
 1. **combining groups that are already doing this work**
 2. **i.e. Baptismal bibs, funeral lunches, altar linens, etc. List continues to grow as the need is found/seen**
 3. **Coloring bags - originally with done by Welcoming Committee now handled by this group**
 4. **Open to any woman in the parish**
 5. **Perhaps "Little Sisters" may happen in the future for teens and younger girls**
 6. **Thirsty Thursday Women at the Well ~ that is a different group and more social in nature. Meet the first Thursday of the month**
 7. **SSL - Kickoff December 1st~ teasers in the bulletin starting the 19th of October, Donut Sunday in December/Cookies on Saturday night... follow up the next weekend as well**
 8. **Meeting quarterly (smaller groups meet periodically/independently as well)**
 9. **Group will not report to Parish Council**
 3. **Fr. Ken would like to begin expecting all groups/organizations/committees send to him regular reports on their activities.**
 4. **Fr. Ken suggestion for Knights of Columbus to have a quarterly report to Parish Council**
 1. **Mary Johnson will reach out to Terry Cruz (Grand Knight)**
- Old Business**
5. **Oxtoberfest~ Shani Wahl**
 1. **Going well**
 2. **Still need more volunteers**
 3. **Weather will be cold and windy**
 4. **Tent will be great addition – heaters (Fr. Ken has another one)**
 5. **Auction already open for bidding~ Fr. Ken dinner leading the pack!**
 6. **Bake Sale full**
 7. **Tons of kids games and contests for adults too**

8. Volunteer Check-In, people can be assigned duties on that day
9. Teens for silver chord hours~ kids games
6. Direct Appeal – decided on an Outdoor Storage Shed.
 1. Mary will let Teresa know
 2. Popcorn area – will have free will donations going toward the direct appeal goal – Tonya will create signage
7. Digital Directory~ Brian is not present to talk about
 1. Fr. Ken said we have an agreement to do the paper directory with LifeTouch
 2. perhaps we should do both~ suggestion to the parish members
 3. No further discussion at Parish Council meetings. Father will handle

New business: Committee updates

8. Welcome Committee~ Tom Petit (stepped down)~ Andy and Joyce Cink now in charge
 1. No report
9. Social Concerns~ Paul Carlson chair

January is human trafficking awareness month~ flyer to be distributed (passed around)

1. Recommend presenting a speaker on protecting children and digital awareness, through Catholic Charities.
2. event with Parish Council support
3. Mary will let Paul know

Meals for the Heartland

4. Tuesday~ hit the goal

Mental Health Speaker

5. 40-50 people~ well received

Angel Tree

6. No one has volunteered to take over
7. Sisters of St Luke's are discussing volunteering to help

Catholic Worker House

8. need volunteers and will put in bulletin

Sacred Heart~ sister parish in SD – hoping to develop

9. Possible volunteers might be found from the Dowling's website for student volunteers~ Mary will mention to Paul

10. Liturgy Committee - Cari Higgins chair

1. October 3rd and September 5th last meetings
2. Father conducted altar serving training for 4th and 5th graders
3. Looking to hang a Ministry Board by the TV, visual to show needed mass ministers such as: Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, lectors
4. Deacon Fred~ ministry showing more reverence during mass
5. Recommendations were or will be sent out to ministry leaders to send out to their group volunteers clarification

11. Fr. Ken's Comments

1. Wants to get group reports on a regular basis to increase communication
2. A 3rd women's group wanted to begin. Hold off for now as group is looking at Saturday mornings (too busy right now)

3. Focusing on all of wording as “Our Facilities” ~ not a school and a church separately
4. Example: when asked “this is for the school”... Fr. Ken wants to change focus that we are a parish which is both church and school. A church with a school
5. First Communion being combined school and RE, 2 weekends~ chosen by the families
6. Working with Fr. Armadeo and the Building committee is back on track
7. Meetings will be set up with Bishop Joneson and others, who will be at Oxtoberfest! Around 5:30
8. School News, things are going well. Misty is doing great, Fr Ken making visits (especially during lunch), Holds Q/A sessions in the classroom, lots going on! STEM
9. RE – had to split up a class due to size (4th grade), Over 400 kids in RE, Classes at 4:30/6/715. 100 High Schoolers, Confirmation meets on Sundays. 1500 students, between Our Lady’s and St. Luke’s ~ great for the future! Misty and Fr. Ken want to get them in the school
10. No longer holding Sunday office hours
11. Vicki working from home and will soon be on maternity leave
12. Hiring needs 4
 1. Parish Secretary
 2. Business Manager
 3. Part Time Cleaning person
 4. Assistant Director of RE

12. Motion to adjourn~ Tonya; Gary Second

13. Closing Prayer ~ Fr. Ken

Respectfully submitted by Judy Jones, parish council secretary

Meeting Summary for the Bulletin:

The Parish Council met on October 10, 2019. Discussed the development of the Sisters of St Luke’ and their activities, more to come in December. Plans and activities for Oxtoberfest were shared. Activities and the silent auction donations are going well. Updates were given from the Social Concern Committee and Liturgy Committee. Fr. Ken provided the great work of our future building work, school and RE program guiding our young people in their faith. Our Parish is growing and there is an increased need for volunteers in many areas, please consider sharing your Time and Talent.

All Parish Council meetings are open to members of the parish. Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 7:10 in the meeting room.