

Joint Council meeting
St. Mary's and St. Raymond of Penafort
April 30, 2019

Dinner hosted by St. Raymond of Penafort

Group discussion agenda:

1. Parish Outreach Coordinator Job Description
2. Rural Challenges; Rural Life Day in the Diocese- In 2020, it will be held at the Kostka farm. Tabled until Fr. Sedlacek present as he is on the council
3. Pentecost Vigil at St. Raymond's June 8-Everyone is welcome so we need to get word out to St. Mary's parishioners
4. Leadership Team Report-Overview of expectations from the team going forward

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Members present: Fr. Derek, John Vetterkind, Lisa Olson, Tom Falbo, Marj Messerschmidt, Susan Fiser, Pat Gentry, Bob Gruba and Mike Quirk.
Sam Kuehn and Fr. Sedlacek excused.

Meeting opened with prayer by Mike Quirk.

Minutes from February meeting were reviewed. Approved.

New Business:

1. Pentecost Vigil: Bob Gruba will coordinate someone to manage the fire and Tom will help to find someone to help with food. Marj offered assistance but is not available to help with set up as she is cantor for Mass.
2. Rural Life Day: Tabled from Joint meeting until Fr. Sedlacek is available to discuss in more detail.
3. Lenten Soup and Sandwich: Marj brought up concern about Parish council not being notified of when the group was scheduled. Julie can still make out list of the groups and scheduling of each meal after Stations of the Cross and Benediction. We just need coordination between the office and the leader of each group.

Old Business:

1. Capital Campaign update: Custodians and Buildings/grounds chair report to Bonnie Firkus. She is out for a short time due to surgery. Now the coordination is being done to manage the painting/lighting issues in the church. This will start in mid-June expecting maximum of 6-8 weeks. Discussion ensued about where Adoration would be done, confessions, types of chairs as folding chairs are noisy, sitting vs. standing vs. kneeling. Fr. suggested requesting padded chairs from St. Mary's. Julie can initiate the request. Bob Grzyb is very stressed with the painting project. Tom suggested putting out a request for people to help with moving things from the church. Announcements at church, bulletin announcements and personal invites can be done.
2. Debt payoff/Bishop Callaghan: Dinner following Mass will be simple, catered, so our parishioners are not cooking. Mass will be at a different time for the Bishop, 9:30 AM. Our previous priests and some very involved past parishioners will be invited. An envelope could be placed in the boxes to help fund the endowment fund after the debt is paid off. Some parishioners are very good about using the building fund envelopes. The envelope could give the option of building fund or endowment. The endowment money is protected and only interest earned can be used. Congregation education will need to be done. Fr. Derek explained the concepts behind an endowment. Julie Graaskamp and Michele Kuehn will coordinate decorating. Meal was discussed with need for a nice, but not elegant meal. Picnic meal would be appropriate for August. Fr. was given suggestion for a caterer and will discuss it.
3. Finance Council will need people after the debt is paid off as members are choosing to retire, so Fr. asks that we consider who might be a good candidate to help out by becoming members of the council.
4. St. Anthony statue was mentioned and is still on the list to be mounted after the work is complete. Bob Grzyb is working out some problems that came up.

5. Bulletin obituaries for parishioners who were not able to be part of the parish community at the end of life: Bob Gruba mentioned this previously. Someone would have to be in charge of the write up. If there is a volunteer who could do this, who enjoys writing, it will need to be consistent for all, not intermittently. Bob G. will mention this to the parishioner who suggested it.

Next meeting will be combined with St. Raymond's at St. Mary's, June 18, 2019 with meal at 7 (hosted by St. Mary's), followed by combined meeting. St. Raymond's council meeting from 6-7.

Closing prayer led by Mike Quirk.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Messerschmidt