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**Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2016**

Fr. Martino called meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a prayer.

Those in attendance:

Fr. Martino
Gerry Klock, President
Robin Smith, Vice President
Lynn Duncan, Secretary
Joe Colanero
Lorraine Eachus
Mike Felipe
Lisa Ganser
Jack Cook, Ex-officio, Finance Committee

Those absent:

Rick Rafter
Polo Rodriguez, Ex-officio, Stw. Committee
Austin Czachowski, Ex-officio, Young Adult

Disposition of Minutes

Lisa Ganser made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Joe Colanero seconded, motion passed.

Old Business

Cameras around the property are on hold because the cost is over \$2000

Cabinets for the Faith Formation Building will be installed. Lenny volunteered to do it in the next few weeks.

The second defibrillator is now located in the Faith Formation Building but no dates have been set for the training at this time.

Fr. Martino sent a note to RB Baker for their donation of asphalt driveway. The Parish Council will also send a thank you note.

Parish Picnic will be held on September 24 at the Ebenezer Retreat Center from 11 am- 4pm and then Mass. It will be themed with a little German Flair.

Fr. Martino distributed the book "Return" by Brandon Vogt to members of the Parish Council for reading. The book will be given out to the congregation to help "Bring your child [or others Catholics] back to the Church."

CPR and Babysitting Training will be offered at the same time as defibrillator training. Date has not been set yet.

Still working on ideas for the Parish Council to represent and communicate better with the various ministries. One suggestion is asking each ministries to send the Parish Council minutes of their meeting. Another suggestion is to have a separate booth at the Ministry Fair staffed by Council Members to answer questions and listen to concerns. Also, the Council will begin asking each ministry for suggestions of how the Parish Council can assist in the ministries.

Finance Update- Jack Cook

Started new Fiscal year this month for 2016-2017. Ended last year with a \$9300.00 in surplus. Everyone is doing well in reducing costs.

Father's Update- Fr. Martino

Looking for ideas for a Lenten theme for this year.

2014- Salt

2015- Nail

2016-?

Suggestions- We are human but don't give up on our sacrifices and promises to God half way through the season. Possible to send a reminder letter written by each member of the congregation to themselves to remind them of the sacrifices and promises that they have made during the Lenten Season to help renew their devotion during Holy Week.

Another idea to look into is how stress effect prayer life and preparation for Easter.

On Holy Thursday, to have the congregation process around the church instead of the Faith Formation Building to begin Eucharistic Adoration. This will allow more room for the congregation to pray and also lessen the work load at Easter. Also, it will make it easier for the choir to sing along the way. Looking into a new processional song for this event that more people might know to keep the congregation more involved in the procession.

Since cameras are on hold, a suggestion of having door monitors at each of the door of the Faith Formation Building to protect that children from just walking out and from other adults picking up children that are not theirs. These monitors could be teenagers or parents of the Parish. This way the doors could be locked to prevent unauthorized visitors from entering.

There are a few concerns of logistics and liability in taking the children that have perfect attendance for the year in Faith Formation to the private island. It was suggested that a waterpark be looked into for this event. Maybe the in Pooler or the one in Statesboro. Possible to get a group rate to make it more affordable. The purpose is to reward the children who put in the effort to be involved and learn about the faith as they are the future of the church.

Patty is working on updating pictures of contact people for the various ministers along with adding pictures of the Parish Council to the bulletin board outside the church.

NEW BUSINESS

Ministry Fair will be held in November. The Stewardship Committee has decided that children will have their own sheets to fill out for ministry involvement that are specific to children over the age of 10. Some suggestions are Ushers, Alter Servers, VBS, Children's Liturgy, Faith Formation Assistants and possibility of choir.

It was brought up that the reason that children are not in choir at this time is that not all members of the choir are Virtus trained. It was then asked if all ministries should require Virtus trained. No decision was made.

Joe brought up the concern of the way that money is stored after Masses. The lock box is not looked at as a secure place to store money as the collection is growing. Jack informed the Council that it is budgeted for a drop safe to be purchased and placed in the Sacristy of the church.

Lynn suggested that as the Faith Formation Program is growing and that the youth involvement is growing that it should be considered for new furniture and new carpet be purchased for the Youth Group Annex. Jack suggested that carpet be purchased out of the Youth Group budget. It was motioned by Robin Smith that new carpet would be priced. Mike Felipe 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Lisa will look into this matter.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, September 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:00 PM, with a prayer.

Submitted by Lynn Duncan, Secretary, September 18, 2016.

