

November 27, 2018

SAINT JAMES PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

ATTENDEES: Fr. Martin Linebach, Fr. Casey Sanders, Lou Edmondson, Jeff Lanz, Stacia Reynolds, Coty Oropilla, Greg Schreacke, Sr. Marie Hannah, Cheri Ellis-Reeves, Geoff Clark, Jakob Sherrard, and Andy Medders. Also, SJS PTO President, Brandi Lusk and SJS PTO Vice President, Shelley Brackett.

AGENDA: Meeting held in Parish Office Basement

Pastor's Comments and Reflection: Fr. Martin opened the meeting with prayer and reflection. The daily reading of books feed the soul when used as a means to meditate, grow in patience, and listen to and thereby grow in our understanding of Christ. He asked us to pray daily for those in need, to pray for healing, and as a way to reach out to others. Faith results in action, so we must plan and pray with intention. Furthermore, do not forget to pray for the souls in purgatory and for those who have no one who prays for them. Lou also welcomed attendees to voice any prayer intentions they had.

2019 St James Parish Picnic: Brandi Lusk (SJS PTO President), Shelley Brackett (PTO V.P.) and Stacia shared information from their meeting regarding the plans for a St. James Parish Picnic 2019. A meeting at 6 pm, Jan 10, 2019, in Rodney Thomas will be held for anyone desiring information and to volunteer to assist in bringing the picnic to fruition. Stacia, Brandi, Shelley and Mika Richardson will meet before this Jan 10 meeting to solidify plans about an auction, food, and games. Mika and Nikki Cetti will chair portions of the picnic planning. A February follow-up meeting is planned as well.

The Finance Committee will work with those planning the picnic regarding expenses and profits for both the parish and the school. This picnic is being planned for one of the last two weekends of September. As of yet, a final date for the picnic has not been chosen. Questions arose regarding alcohol sales with pros being the income generated. Some cons mentioned were that this is an event where many children will be present and how to proactively encourage responsible consumption. Further discussion regarding what is entailed for

following legal protocol for having alcohol at a public event and how this will reflect upon the community at large remains to be discussed. The Picnic will be held at St. James School.

St. James School Update: A parent's meeting will be held in December to explain tuition, with Dec. 15 being the kick-off date to begin enrollment. Sister handed out the school parent survey results of the strengths and weaknesses of the school which showed no real changes. Also, it was mentioned that Sr. Marie Hannah, Jimmie Dee Kelley and Hugh O'Brien met with Hardin Co. Schools and Elizabethtown Independent School to discuss students and curriculum.

Faith Formation Committee Update: Andrew Collins, the Youth Minister, will vacate his position at the end of December 2018, to accept the position of an engineer in Louisville. To date, the young adults core team who already works with the youth is stepping in during the interim. Discussion about the position continues.

Stewardship Update: On January 23, Archbishop Kurtz will be at St. James Church to speak to the parish and school families about our baptismal call to live as disciples in a stewardship way of life. A light reception will follow in Bacheldor hall afterwards. Babysitting will be provided in the Parish Office Basement. A stewardship video is in the planning, to be posted on YouTube as has been done in years past as a means to begin the January Stewardship Renewal.

Fr. Martin reported that St. James' participation in CSA was very successful and reflects the gracious generosity of our parish.

Closing: Fr. Casey closed the meeting with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: January 22, SJS Library