

Pastoral Council Minutes—September 10, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Tina Peachman.

Present: Fr. John Barry, Tina Peachman, Linda-Marie Stempihar, John Laudwein, Pat Ryan, Dany Burns, Toni Wohleber, Sally Curley, Brian McCagh, Edward Ayuk, and Chuka Ndubizu.

Opening Prayer – Fr. Barry

- I. **Acceptance of Minutes** for August –Pat Ryan and Sally Curley

- II. **Old Business**

- a. **Presentation of “Welcoming Spirit”** (Fr. Barry)

The Welcoming Spirit of our Parish is important to sustain the parish and to evangelize the Faith to the local Community. The recent Kids’ Festival and the upcoming parish evangelization booths at Burtonsville Day are examples of a welcoming spirit.

- b. **Update on Burtonsville Day**

Sep 21 evangelize at edge of church parking lot and at the Community Center. Handouts citing yearly church events and handouts of informational packets for potential new parish members. Need volunteers from the parish to work both evangelizing locations. Sign-up in church lobby. Next subcommittee meeting is Sep 12 at 7:30pm.

- c. **Status of Invitation to Archbishop Wilton Gregory**

No response from his office since the initial May invitation nor after the second letter in August.

- d. **Welcome Weekend – Sep 14 - 15**

All masses are covered by at least one person, although volunteers are need to be a second person for each mass; contact Sally Curley to volunteer.

- e. **Kids’ Festival**

The event was held for the youth in the parish and to evangelize to the local community. Fr. Barry mentioned several potential new families cited interest in joining our parish. The Council discussed several modifications to incorporate at next year’s event.

- f. **Interfaith Liturgy** (for those who have fallen to gun violence)

Invite Burtonsville area religious organizations for an Interfaith Liturgy. Planning meeting tentatively in November.

- g. **Adopt a Greencastle Student**

Deliver backpacks (124) and general supplies (e.g., hand sanitizers and tissues) to Greencastle students as well as providing to other needy schools in the immediate area (given the amount of additional donations received).

- h. **Homeless Shelter** – March 15-22

Planning is progressing

- i. **Riderwood Update**

Parishioners at Riderwood donated 456 backpacks to the Calverton Elementary School.

The social gathering of parishioners after the 9am Sunday masses is continuing with a large attendance.

Please remember in your prayers Damion C. who recently passed; he was a Riderwood student dining staff member.

III. **New Business**

- a. **Bulletin Space for Council Business** – defer discussion to next meeting.
- b. **Hospital Ministry** – the priest at White Oak Adventist Hospital declined assistance from our Parish.
- c. **In-residence priest**-- covering numerous parish masses.
- d. **Parish organist** - Bill Winsom is returning.
- e. **Church repairs** – the church front door is being repaired.
- f. **Update on Fr. Brailsford** – he is in rehab after leg amputation.

Closing Prayer: Meeting ended at 8:31pm.

Next Meeting: Oct 8 at 7:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Linda-Marie Stempihar