

Parish Life Council Meeting
Thursday, September 20, 2007

Members Present: Deacon Byron Jacobson, Chris Meyer, Lori Blankenship, Patrick Franz, Kerri Franz, David Clark, Ed Marsom, Pam Grega, Aimee Bradley, Donna Davoren, Vince Kish, Eileen Hotze, Tanya Kohout and Cheryl Jacobson

Choir: Pam Grega

There are few new members in the choir, which includes several students. Practice is back in full swing. There is not any news on an organist.

K of C Squires: Tony Gianino

The Knights and Squires will be helping at the JD McCarthy Center on Saturday, September 22nd. There will be games, face painting, dunk tank, prizes and fun for all. There are four active Squires and they will normally meet on the first Sunday of the month.

Knights of Columbus: Vince Kish

There will be an Installation of Officers on Saturday, September 22nd, in the chapel, followed by a potluck in the lakeroom. They will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 30th, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Founders Hall. There are a couple of people working on the serving line to get it running smoothly. The K of C are supporters of the Center of Family Life in Okarche.

Men's Club: David Clark

No report.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ed Marsom

This is the last meeting for Ed as he will turn over the presidency to Donna Davoren in October after serving a three-year term. The society started with 15 members and has grown to 25 active members.

The society has been out of money for about the last week and a half. In the month of August, there was \$4,147 in client aid, 213 clients helped, 516 volunteer hours and 1,740 unreimbursed miles.

A SVdePaul conference was held in Austin. It was three days of intense sessions. The Bishop of Austin was present and the conference began with a retreat. There were 740 representatives from the around the country in attendance and it was a great spiritual experience.

The district is trying to get Chickasha up on their feet. There will be a training session at St. Andrew's in Moore.

There will be a 5th Sunday collection on September 30, 2007.

Neighborhood Ministry: Eileen Hotze

Donut Sunday in the courtyard is a little hard to manage with the flies. The Fiesta Dinner held on Saturday, September 15th, was enjoyed by all in attendance. The OU games will have to be taken into account when planning the potlucks during the football season. There were, however, at least three newly registered families that attended.

Youth: Pat and Kerri Franz

The youth will do a fundraiser to replenish the monies for NCYC to be held in Columbus, Ohio, from November 7-11, 2007. There will be 12 boys, 3 girls and 3 adults attending.

The youth will be hosting the games for children at the Oktoberfest.

There is an applicant for the Youth Director position. Father Boyer is looking over the resume.

There are 15-20 youth attending on Sunday evenings. Confirmation '08 students are not attending TYME on Sunday evenings.

Middle School Youth Group/Web-Site: Chris Meyer

MSYG is going well. There are several parents helping out and the attendance is about 16 youth. It is a good number considering there was an ASCS event on the same evening as the last get-together.

The web-site is available for all of the parish ministries to use. Updates can be made by the individual ministry or Chris is happy to do it for them.

Religious Education: Lori Hoehner

RE is underway and is going well. The numbers are a little lower than last year. There were only two children that were no-shows after registering. A helper is still needed for the 4th grade.

Safe Environment Training was provided at RE on Wednesday, September 19th.

1st Reconciliation/Daily Bread: Mary Bojarski

There are currently 65 students that are in the program. The first parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26th, at 7:00 p.m. at ACSC. 1st Reconciliation will be celebrated in the month of December.

The Daily Bread Committee is pleased that the Food Pantry will reopen on November 1st. The parishioners of St. Mark's have always been one of their best supporters. There will be a Food Drive this fall.

Mothers' Day Out: Aimee Bradley, Tanya Kohout

The web-site has been a very helpful tool for MDO. The program is running at full capacity, with a waiting list of 50. Approximately 44 families are involved with the program now.

MDO celebrated their 4th birthday. Parents brought in wrapped gifts from a wish list. There were balloons, cupcakes and lots of fun during the week-long celebration.

MDO is asking for volunteers from the parishioner to make copies, rock the babies during naptime and answer phones.

Mr. Bill (Bill Larwig) was crowned the "Community Service Helper" for his help with the MDO playground.

The age for enrolling a child in MDO is 1 year old now. MDO would certainly appreciate any monetary donations from the parish or any volunteers.

RCIA/Liturgical Ministry: Deacon Byron Jacobson

The RCIA program is off to a good start. The count, including children, is above 30. RCIA/RCIC meets every Tuesday evening from 7-8:15 p.m.

There will be a Lector Training on Monday, October 22, 2007, for all current and new lectors.

New Business: Cheryl Jacobson

Plans are underway for our 15th Annual Oktoberfest to be held on Sunday, October 14, 2007. There will be the delicious food as has been in the past, along with beer and lemonade. The Knights of Columbus will be helping with grilling the bratwurst and hot dogs. The dessert will be ordered from LaBaguette. Tables will be rented from Diamond Zorn in Noman. The band, The Bohemian Knights, will be returning this year. The youth of the parish will be hosting the games. Sign up sheets will be placed in the narthex the weekends of Sept. 29/30, Oct. 7/8 and 13/14.

Parishioners are being asked to help to greet parishioners as they come for Mass on the weekends.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jacobson