



Saint Bartholomew Church

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes October 18, 2021

Present: Fr. Jerry Hiland, Jerry Yox, Rachel Sherwood, Joanne Hauser, Joy Niehaus, Ashley Evans, Ken Radziwan

Absent: Jesus Ortiz, Matt Jung, Charlie McDonald

Guests:

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM by council chair Jerry Yox who said an opening prayer. Note: the meeting was held in the Narthex.

Approval of Sept. 20, 2021 Council Minutes:

Rachel made a motion to approve the Sept 2021 minutes as submitted. Joy seconded and they were approved.

Positive reflection:

- Jerry Yox – Sophomore Son at Moeller went to Catholic Churches in the inner city. St. Leo the Great in Fairmount / Baltimore. Priest is Moeller grad. Lots of Latin American parishioners – Guatemalan immigrants. Lot of kids. Immigrants over the southern border. St. Leo the Great, experience puts a face to the immigrants that have come here. Talked about Father Elias.

Fall Parish Picnic

- The picnic is scheduled for Sun, Oct. 24 after the 11:15 mass.
- 4:00 set up Saturday afternoon
- Food tables, pumpkin coloring
- Sunday morning came up with tablecloths
- Joanne / Barb / Sandy will help
- Barb DeBurger will be buying the food – No pot luck.
- Games: Football Toss, Pumpkin Decorating, Face Stickers
- Kevin – DJ, ROKU Stick? Wifi will be in the Gym.
- Name Tags?
- Volunteer Clean up at the end (tables, Chairs, trash)
- Donation Bucket?

Pastor's Update - Father Jerry

- Fr. Jerry said Deacon Chibueze checked in this week. His parents cannot travel for ordination in May/June. Would like to have a Chalice, \$5,500
 - May have a "Chalice Fund" for a gift. If over \$5,500 then give the rest to him. Father Jerry said can buy through the church.
 - Jerry said Father Elias had a family-only party on Saturday night, then a parish celebration on Sunday.

- After ordination, Fr. Chibueze will have his first mass at St. Bartholomew "Something fun before we start to go through our separation."
- Happy we're having the picnic
- Fr Jerry said he had originally expected to be pastor for a few more years then retire.
- Families of Parishes will be officially decided in November after the comment period.
- Has seen disappointment from Vivian and Barts separation.
- It will be a big change.
- Has thought about putting in to be a pastor but may not be able to do it. Said he does not have the language skills for Latino parishes.
- Interested in seeing how the 4 parishes come together.
- Rachel – hearing a lot of negativity concerning the Archdiocese separating the churches that are already together.
- Has been at 11 parishes over the years; St. Barts felt like a home
- Jerry said it's his understanding that at some point in time some of the parishes will be closed.
- The Diocese of Pittsburgh went from 150 to about 100 parishes.
- This weekend is the sacrament of anointing of the sick at all masses for both parishes.
- HVAC for Gym is approved and on order.

Next meeting: Mon. Nov. 15, 2022 @ 7 pm

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Ashley Evans