

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting July 12, 2005

The St. Benignus Parish Pastoral Council met July 12, 2005, preceded by mass. Those attending included members Sue Smith, Kathie Poole, Pat Hays, Eric Givens, Kristy Bruckner and Anita O'Connor. Also present were Fr. Frank, Katie Paugh, Nancy Williams, Kami Carson and Alanna Kingsolver.

Fr. Frank gave the Buildings/Grounds/Cemetery report for Bob Everhart.

There have been low voltage electrical problems at the church building, which are being addressed by Dayton Power and Light.

A high water bill is being checked on.

Kathie Poole reported on Christian Service.

Kairos weekend is scheduled for August 19 – 21. 600-800 dozen cookies are needed from Greenfield.

There is a free bread distribution each month at a local church, and St. Benignus will bring some of the bread here to distribute to needy families.

Help is needed to finish the Prayer Bears, and at the booth for the Wheels of Progress festival. A sign-up sheet was presented, and calls will be made for volunteers.

A parishioner has donated a carousel horse to be raffled off during the festival.

Eric Givens presented the draft financial report being prepared for fiscal year 2004-2005. He noted that collections are up and expenses are holding, and the parish appears to be in good financial health.

Nancy Williams reported that the Ladies Auxiliary rummage sale is scheduled for August 6.

Anita O'Connor reported on Parish Social and Fellowship.

First Communion went well.

The graduation mass and reception also went well.

The parish is in need of volunteers for the monthly fellowship.

Fr. Frank introduced Katie Paugh as the new Coordinator of Religious Education.

Katie reported that the parish is still waiting on a date for Confirmation.

She is reviewing materials for both confirmation and PSR classes.

Vacation Bible School is still tentative, with thoughts of having something for the youth during the visit of a missionary priest in August.

A meeting will be scheduled soon with teachers for the upcoming year.

Pastoral Report:

Father Frank reminded council of the visit of the missionary priest the last week of August. The week will be capped off with a church picnic at the home of Pat & Elaine Hays. There will be games for the children, swimming and fellowship. It will be covered dish, with the parish providing the meat and drinks.

A letter was presented to council from Archbishop Pilarczyk regarding the implementation of a Parish Vocation Recruitment Plan. Considerable discussion centered on the plan, which is mandatory in each parish. A committee will be put together to institute the plan at St. Benignus.

Kami Carson reported that although the youth trip to Germany has been cancelled, the money raised so far will be used for an alternative trip.

The next parish council meeting was scheduled for September 13.

Anita O'Connor and Pat Hays were thanked for their service to the parish council. Both members' terms are up the end of August. Several names were mentioned as replacement members, with a total of three needed to fill vacant seats. Sue Smith, outgoing president, and Kristy Bruckner, incoming president, will attempt to call the prospective members.

The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hays