St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Cascia Hall East Meeting Room

Members in attendance: Fr. Michael, Ruth Adamczyk, Marilyn Butler, Carol Derga, Myra Fox, Bill Greinke, Leora Kaiser, Bob Mitchell, Pat Rossman and Jean Weaver. Also, in attendance were Dennis Collins and Sharon Gierhan, Trustee.

The opening prayer and lighting of the Christ Candle was led by Father Michael at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Myra Fox to accept the April 20, 2022 minutes as read and it was seconded by Marilyn Butler after a few slight changes are made.

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Pastor's Report:

Father thanked all who spoke at the masses regarding the PPC nominations.

Capital Campaign Process Update: There will be a meeting next week in Burlington on May 18th for pastors to attend. Father has approached 3 people to co-chair endeavor and has no firm commitments at this time. There are 2 important factors when choosing people for this committee; that they should know their parish community and make this a positive experience. Father attended a Deanery meeting on Friday night and one of the local pastors commented that their pledging process is at 95% with the big contributors from his parish. With the monies that would be returned to us, one of the possibilities is adding onto the church with offices and extra rooms. Father is writing a letter to be sent to all parishioners regarding the future of the monastery. He will ask the question what can we use the monastery for and he will also list the options that we have discussed at our meetings. A draft of the letter will be sent out to all PPC members for their comments and suggestions. Father will brief Suzanne on this situation. After further discussion there are tax ramifications if we just mothball the monastery, we need to use the building for storage to avoid the ramifications. Dennis also mentioned that one of the options should be the sale of all property. As discussed, all parishioners will have a voice in the outcome.

Nomination Update: Pat has collected all the names submitted which totaled 34! With this many nominees Ruth and I asked for volunteers to assist in calling. We had 7 seven volunteers so it ends up we only have a few people to call. The meeting date will be selected so that the Discernment meeting will be held prior to Memorial Day so the new PPC member may attend the June meeting.

Planning Committee Update: Minutes from our last Planning meeting were distributed. Census data is on hold as of now. Kathi Manchester who is entering all the data has had a family medical emergency to take care of. Many things are going on at the moment regarding the parish so our focus groups might be pushed out until fall of this year.

Liaison Reports: Stewardship minutes were sent out with the agenda. No one had any questions regarding these. Lee Kaiser attended the Deanery meeting at St. Sebastian's on April 27th she reported that Barbie Boehme-Dechant will leaving as her term is up and Angelica will be taking her place.

Open/New Items:

Information Booth at the SR Festival: Bill Greinke will not be able to have the information booth at this year's festival due to his surgery schedule and long recovery period. As an option a plan for signage was proposed and discussed. It was decided that a series of "Did You Know…" signs would be developed and presented to the Festival Committee for production and display about the grounds. The intention being to evangelize and promote our parish to the community members and parishioners attending this neighborhood annual event. Bill to present to the Festival Committee at their meeting on Sat the 14th.

Upcoming PPC Dates:

Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
August – no meeting due to the festival

The closing prayer was led by Father Michael at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rossman
Secretary
St. Rita Parish - Parish Pastoral Council