

Meeting Name: SLDM Parish Council Meeting

Date: October 11, 2017 7pm

Prayer Leader: Jerry McConnell

Scribe: Lisa Henderson (filling in for Jennifer King)

Attendees : Patrick Clark, Steve Schwegman, John Petrie, Scott Bernhardt, Jeff Oelker, Jerry McConnell, Daniel Hubbard, Lisa Henderson.

Guests from the Stewardship Committee: Ron Wilkinson, Mike Krokos

Absent: Father Pat, Father Travis (Priests retreat), Ange Bailey, Jennifer King, Gene Kroeff, Katie Wilson, Terri Novaris

A. Opening Prayer: Jerry McConnell

B) CALL TO SERVE: Stewardship committee members here tonight. Scott discussed the 'Call To Serve' forms. Disappointed that only 160 forms were returned (about 10%). The weekend breakdown is: 116 forms returned the first weekend, 30 forms the second weekend and 14 forms the third weekend. Some thought that if you were already a member of a ministry the form did not have to be filled out. Not expecting anyone to drop the ministries they are in (if they did not fill out a form). As an example, the Coffee and Donuts ministry had only 2 new parishioners interested. Scott said the form is available online to fill out, but each member of a family has to fill it out separately. Discussed sending out another email reminding people to send in the form or fill it out online. The form is 'buried' on the website, it was suggested to move it to a more visible place. To increase response the priest could, during the announcements at mass, continue to remind parishioners to return the forms. Forms are in the Narthex but should also be by the entrance near the cry room. Mentioned putting the forms in the pews or on windshields of cars. Emails will be sent out to those who did return the form, thanking them and telling them that someone from the ministries they indicated will be contacting them.

C) THANKSGIVING DINNER: Want a committee to help with preplanning work. Next meeting is Sunday October 15 at 6:15pm.

D) MISSION, Chris Padgett: He spoke on 4 nights, October 1-4. Chris said we need to be in mission mode. He said that his friends have said that they did not 'meet' Jesus until they left the Catholic Church. He connected well with the youth group. His talks are on our website.

E) DISCOVER YOU STORY, Peter Doane: Some parish council members did not receive the 'homework' from last month. Will table the discussion until everyone has had a chance to do the 'homework.'

F) OPEN FORUM:

1. John Petrie asked if anyone has any interest in hearing about the Shroud of Turin. Several expressed interest. John will contact the expert who speaks about it.

2. Jerry McConnell discussed an article from the Sept 10 issue of the Catholic Moment. 'Disciples make Disciples'. The statistics that Jerry Hi-lighted were: 70% of Catholics are not coming to mass, 16% of millennials are Catholic and of these, 89% are not raising their children in a religion. 60% of those that go through RCIA are no longer involved in the church after 2 years.

G) Next Meeting is November 8

H) Closing Prayer