

St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes – October 1, 2018 (final draft)

Members in attendance:

Ryan Scherer, Giulio Bosco, Roseann Lesio, Bob Ehmann, James Elliott, Anna Conti, Maria Conti, Hannah Tette, Paul Dangler, Princess Fame, Julie Cohn, Mary Ellen Wager, Catherine Lesio, Diane Cocilova, Joe Kuby, Fr. Gonyo

Absent:

Deacon Rick Rall, Deacon Jim Fien, Fr. Mike Mayer, Jane Murray

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Vision Statement:

To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every St. Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, welcoming faith community.

Opening Prayer – Cathy Lesio

Ryan passed around a sheet for Parish Council member contact information and requested that all update with corrections and new information.

The gift from the Parish Council members for Elizabeth Kwiatkowski was discussed – many great ideas were presented by Princess and other members. Once selections are made, a gift basket will be assembled for her and delivered. When asked for ideas, Elizabeth requested that we all do good works in her name.

September meeting notes were approved – Julie will forward to the website for posting.

School Update – Mary Ellen Wagner

All of the September events went well: Opening Mass, Ice Cream Social and the Marathon.

The Sticky Lips Barbeque fundraiser was very successful – 335 dinners were sold raising \$1200.00 for St. Rita's School.

The advisory committee for St. Rita's School is working toward improvements to create the classroom of the future beginning with the kindergarten level. New flooring, lighting, replacing the pegboard walls and adding air conditioning are all in the plan, with a target start time of Christmas vacation. Parents will be promoting this project during Catholic Schools Week. (Technology improvements are down the road in this plan as well.)

Pastor's Update – Fr. Gonyo

We've had a very busy fall so far. Several funerals have taken place, and there will be a blessing of pets in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 6th.

Christlife enrollment is at 163 people, which is quite high considering the original target numbers.

The CMA DVD was discussed. Consensus was that it was a well done presentation and that Bishop Matano's introduction was sincere and caring. The video can be found on YouTube and on the diocesan website (www.dor.org).

St. Rita's CMA target for this year is approximately \$162,000. Last year, we were only \$2-\$3,000 shy of our target.

Father expressed his thanks to the many volunteers and generous parishioners who help to keep our church/school/grounds in beautiful shape throughout the year.

The 4th annual Exult Rochester Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 13th at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Gates. Registrations are being accepted online at ExultRochester.org. Several members noted that more young men have attended each year.

Closing Prayer – Roseann Lesio

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Lesio