

## Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2024

**Present:** Father Dillon, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Isabel Torello, Bob Keiser, Regina Beausejour, Maggie Bruno, Val Campanelli, Noreen Wolleben, Jeri Perkins and Enzo

**Absent:** Yolande Eldridge, Nany Talalas, George Goulet and Beth Kozarec

**The meeting began at 11:39 am with an opening prayer from Father Dillon.**

**The minutes from June 2024 were approved by all.**

**Deb:** Deb conducted the meeting as Yolande injured her back. Bill White and Thom Duffy are no longer serving as trustees. Noreen Wolleben graciously accepted the trustee position.

**Father Dillon:** Deacon Mitchell returned to the seminary for his last year. Vacation Bible School went well, and we had some new instructors. The carnival was successful despite the weather (a lot of rain). The white elephant was particularly successful, raising \$4,000 more than last year. The Knights presented \$24,600 to the parish from their event. The Italian Festival was also a success, and they ran out of some food items. It was crowded both evenings. The teen pilgrimage was to Portugal and Spain. The adult pilgrimage just returned.

**Fran:** CCD begins on September 30<sup>th</sup> and so far, 400 children are enrolled. We need more teachers and classes are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is also a hardship policy, and anyone interested should call the office. The ministry booklet is pretty much done. We are removing some ministries that are defunct, and Tyco is printing 500 copies. The booklet will also be online.

**Betty Jane:** We are planning the stewardship fair on October 26, 2024 and October 27, 2024 after all masses. Betty Jane prepared and handed out a detailed plan for setup and for the fair. She needs volunteers to be greeters and to help set up. The subcommittee is comprised of Deb, Yolande, Betty Jane and Jody. Peer ministers are needed to play games and coordinate the same. A save the date is going in next week's bulletin. There are about 40 ministries, and we have a theme for the fair. "Go make a difference, we can make a difference" was a suggestion. There is a baking committee for the fair to keep costs down and the Knights are going to volunteer to help. The office will have back up copies for the sign up/interest sheets per ministry. Set up will begin at noon in the hall on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Izzy/Enzo:** The peer ministry has 65 ministers and a group chat. Trinita really helps to bring in the peer ministers. No new fundraisers until December. The goal now is to get more peer ministers to attend mass. December 6<sup>th</sup> is the cookie stroll and tree lighting. The craft fair is December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Ideas:** Father mentioned that our focus right now should be on the Ministry Fair as it is a big event. Bob Keiser started a new Bereavement Ministry. Bereavement should encompass the past two years. Noise in church was brought up and Father is going to make announcements at mass about this. Sister Kathleen is having a noon Thanksgiving Dinner this year as always in the hall. Deb thanked everyone and welcomed all the new members.

Closing prayer by Father at 12:24 pm

Our Next Meeting is October 6, 2024 after the 10:30 am mass.