

St. John Paul II Parish Spiritual Life Committee Minutes June 27, 2017

Members present – Barbara Armata, Mary Ann Wojtaszek, Deacon Greg, Tim Rougeau, Pat Clairmont, Steve Melito, Karen Ketcham and Mary Whitman

1. Opening prayer was offered by Deacon Greg
2. Previous minutes were accepted.
3. The upcoming September mission, 9/24 – 2/26, with Fr. Bill Garrott, was discussed. Mary Whitman presented information she found on Fr. Bill's website on both what he has done in his mission's in the past, and regarding donation collections for the mission. The Parish will pay for travel expenses and food expenses here for the visiting priest. We will most likely use the Mission envelopes in the office for donations to Fr. Bill.
4. The church committees will be looking for new members at some future date. Tim mentioned that when this happens, we should also include Ministries in any advertising for volunteers.
5. The Deacon spoke about the Dynamic Catholic program. He said it involves a motivational-type speaker.
6. Steve Melito spoke about the Religious Education program. He will not be continuing with the Directorship so the Parish is looking for another Director. Discussion was held about the Religious Education Curriculum and it was brought to our attention that there really isn't one that all the teachers are following. A committee has been formed in order to search for, or develop, a curriculum for the Religious Ed Program. The Diocese does not have one.

7. Last month a new parishioner brought to our attention her desire to have youth rock Masses here at the Parish to help get the youth more involved. This was done at her previous parish with much success. Father asked to write up a proposal but to our knowledge she has not done this. Tim does not want to commit to Sunday night Masses (which was suggested). Also the style of music she suggested may not be appropriate for Mass, especially the Eucharist. He hopes that the new parishioners will take part in the music program that we have here already and learn what we have already done and are trying to do. He also suggests the possibility of getting together with other Parishes for Youth Masses.

8. The Christmas schedule was discussed - Dec. 25 is on a Monday this year.

9. The Adoration Chapel is open now on Tuesdays from 9 am to 9 pm. There is a possibility of it being open on Wednesday evenings in the Fall.

10. Our next meeting will be on August 7th at 6 pm.

11. Deacon Greg offered the closing prayer.