**St. Gregory Parish Council Meeting, August 27, 2019**

Members Present: Fr. Kien, Terry Luckett, Tim Hutchins, Ron French, Tiphanie Peake, Derrick Greenwell, Julia Thomas, Mark Olliges

Members Absent: Steve Bagby, Jason Morgan, Marilyn Clark, Trish Hart

Meeting opened with a prayer.

Old Business/ New Business:

* Laura Binkley and Danny Fogle were present to discuss picnic results and give feedback on improvements and possible changes for next year’s picnic. They were very thankful of everyone that helped to make this year’s picnic so successful with raising close to $18,000 more dollars than last year and serving over 1,270 dinners. The profits from the picnic were split between parish and school. Also, Laura and Danny were thankful to St. Thomas for lending us the booths to use for the picnic. The idea of purchasing tents to use for next year’s picnic along with using for this year’s fall festival were discussed and Tim Hutchins has already been in contact with companies to see what cost would be involved in doing so. Another proposal was a possible storage building to hold only picnic items or even adding additional storage space to the PCC so that picnic items can be accessible and all in one location. Suggestions for school to play a more active role by having each class run a booth. Also to increase the number of cakes donated, have the youth bake cakes the day before to use for the cake booth and dinner desserts. Clara Fulkerson offered to help with this.
* Kim Hall was present to go over the budget from fiscal year 2018-2019. This information was published in the bulletin. Collection was down for the year however, income was up due to being under budget on expenses. She also, discussed CSA (Catholic Services Appeal) which will be starting soon. In September, parishioners will be receiving a letter from the Archdiocese to start the campaign. Our goal this year is a little lower than last year and our donor participation will be a little lower as well. There will also be donation envelopes in the Record and options for online donations. These funds are used for different ministries within the Archdiocese. Fr. Kien will discuss at Mass and information will be available on Facebook, Twitter, the APP, website, & bulletin along with information in the gathering area.
* The St. Gregory Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 19 from 4:00 pm top 10:00 pm. Mass for that day will be at 4:00 pm. Pork chop and BBQ dinners will be served along with silent auction, booths, games, inflatables, a raffle, beer garden and more. This will be a parish event and resemble the picnic.
* Discussion of putting more information regarding the Jerome Brinner property in the bulletin so more people would be aware of the purchase. The property was purchased in June and is located between the church and the rectory at 400 Samuels Loop. This completes the property “square” and leaves room for expansion and growth in the future. This future growth project would help both the school and parish expand, grow and upgrade in certain areas.
* Safety and Security Team- Steve Bagby was not present but left a report for members. The team will have their first meeting in the next few weeks to work on a plan. It will cover all relevant emergencies including weather-related, medical, violent acts, and active shooter scenarios.

Committee Reports/ Member Issues

* **Administration**- A wall was removed in the upstairs pre-school room. This will allow room for several more students. Current enrollment in preschool in 30 students. Tim met with the health department to discuss layout of septic and lateral lines. This gives us a better view of possible addition or remodel to school and parish office. The statue was assembled, pavers put in around statue, and fences were cleaned along with other routine maintenance. Tim also passed out Parish improvements & maintenance ideas/recommendations for the parish for parish council to take home and read over.
* **Formation-** (Trish not present but left minutes from the last meeting) -Met August 21, meeting dates for the year were discussed for 2019-2020 year. Also, Formation would like to expand membership to the committee due to loss of members. A Lenten mission will be in the spring, no speaker found yet but several different ones have been contacted. September 14-15 weekend will be Catechist weekend and Father will give a blessing. Jubilee Mass will be here again on Feb. 2, 2020. Goals of the committee were discussed and Karie French will be taking 10 youth to NCYC Conference. Next meeting is October 8 at 6:30 pm.
* **Worship-** Met Aug 8.- discussed changes in the Liturgy, regional reconciliation will be here at St. Gregory Dec 15., Fr. Kien will be training more servers and have “senior servers”, cycle A readings begin Nov. 30/Dec 1, First Reconciliation –Wed. Dec 11 at 7pm, Day of the Dead Display again this year, discussed Christmas Masses. Next meeting Oct. 24.
* **Service**- (Marilyn was not present but left minutes from the last meeting)- Service Committee met August 6, Syrae Henning from St. Vincent DePaul was present to discuss services and opportunities for parish participation. Fr. Kien discussed “Church Parish” events, getting families involved in Masses by being gift bearers and greeters, a children’s choir, school liturgy and school adoration involvement. Marlene handed out Seniors Young at heart schedule and Hospitality schedule for the year. Next meeting is September 3.
* **School Board-** (Steve Bagby was not present but gave a handout on school board) – School board met with Leisa Schulz, Louisville Archdiocese Superintendent of Schools, who advised the School Board on several matters. Such matters include the school board role, their duties, updated bylaws, handbook and mission statement, and what is not discussed at school board. The school board will begin process of revising bylaws, student handbook, and mission statement to better reflect the *National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary Schools.* Next meeting Sept. 3.
* **Pastor’s report**- Fr. Kien had a server training for servers. He is getting older servers to help guide and teach the younger altar servers. The “senior servers” will help inspire and lead the younger ones. He also had a meeting with the religion teachers at school to go over instructional content for religion classes. Also will have school attend Eucharistic adoration on the first Friday of the month starting in September for 10 to 15 minutes. September 4th, school will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Gregory with Mass at 8:45am and the students will learn about St. Gregory. Nov 1st school Mass at 8:45 am and Mass at 7:00 pm for All Saints Day and Nov 2 Cemetery Mass at 9 am for All Souls Day.

Next parish council meeting will be Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer. Minutes by: Tammy Manley

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