

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

April 17, 2018

The Catholic Churches of Barber County Pastoral Council held its regular quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 17, 2018. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with members Father Firmin, Diane Seiler, Bev Miller, Marlene Kruckenburg, John Forester, Rayann Rucker, Darren Hern, and Anne Schreiner present. Rob Paxson and secretary Walinda Arnett were absent.

Father Firmin began the meeting by leading the council in the Our Father. The minutes of the October 2017 meeting were approved.

Parish Reports:

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting. Bev reported that St. John's Mardi Gras Party/Parish Dinner and Penance Soup Supper were both a big success. Diane reported that the Marriage Mass and Valentine's Dinner were very well attended, we have had one funeral, one baptism, and celebrated Confirmation for 10 young people. Rayann and Anne reported that there was one person entering the Church at the Easter Vigil, and there will be four first communicants on April 22.

Report of Father Firmin:

Father consulted the council again about completing updates to the Protecting God's Children volunteers list for the diocese. Confidentially, he also informed us that he will be leaving July 2, so July 1 will be his last Sunday with us. Father said that during his tenure here he has learned a lot about how churches in the United States operate, which is quite different from his country, and he is happy to have been here the nearly seven years that he has. The three parishes will coordinate a going-away party for him on July 1, but his departure will not be made public until sometime in May. His replacement will be announced at that time.

Father said he will choose a Sunday in May to offer the sacrament of the sick after Mass at all three parishes, and this will be announced in the bulletin and on the website later.

New Business:

Kay reported that our website developer Solutio has found three new advertisers for our church website, and ad sales seem to be going well. Kay reported that the website traffic increased significantly this year over last, and she encouraged members to remember to have their web person post news articles for any happenings in each parish as that will encourage people to check the website regularly.

The next meeting will be held August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John.

Father led the council in a closing prayer.