

CCBC Pastoral Council Minutes

August 21, 2018

The Catholic Churches of Barber County Pastoral Council held its regular quarterly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Parish Hall on August 21, 2018. Chairperson Kay Koger called the meeting to order with members Father Mark, Bev Miller, Chuck Graves, John Forester, Rayann Rucker, Darren Hern, and Anne Schreiner present. Rob Paxson, Diane Seiler, and secretary Walinda Arnett were absent.

Father Mark began the meeting by leading the council in prayer. The minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved.

Parish Reports:

Parish representatives reported on their activities since the last meeting.

St. John: Bev reported that St. John had one baptism and two parish dinners, and that the adult Bible study program on Sunday morning continues. She also reported that Father Firmin's farewell dinner had been well attended.

St. Boniface: Rayann and Anne reported that there were four first communicants in April, no funerals, and they were still looking for catechists for the upcoming PSR year. They reported that Totus Tuus was attended by 26 young people.

Holy Rosary: Kay reported that the parish hosted a dinner for the Bishop in June, First Communion had been held, and that the regular brunch after daily Mass on the third Tuesday of each month is drawing a significant following. She also reported that the rectory has been receiving badly needed upgrades and repairs.

Pastor's Report:

Father Mark continued the discussion of the work on the Holy Rosary rectory, which includes painting, cleaning, new carpet, furniture and appliances, and the services of an exterminator. The costs of the renovations will be divided among the three parishes by order of the bishop.

Father outlined some long-term goals such as regularly scheduled Adoration at each parish, Anointing of the Sick on some regular schedule, possibly quarterly, and providing various opportunities for adult education and formation, using our Formed subscription and other options.

Father also reported that he had turned off the secretary's cell phone resulting in a savings of about \$60 per month. It had stopped working and he and Walinda did not think it was needed. Some council members expressed concern that regular office hours were not being held at the Sharon office and that calls to that office number and the secretary's cell number were unanswered and messages unreturned. After some discussion, Father Mark and the council agreed not to require Walinda to be at Sharon for office hours, to remove the Sharon office

number from the bulletin and website, and to post his office number and cell number as the only contact numbers.

New Business:

Kay asked for guidance about what Walinda should spend per Christmas gift for the children of each parish. The council voted to set a limit of \$2.50 each for 100 gifts.

After some discussion, members decided to meet in October and tabled the decision about the annual Mass schedule rotation and Holy Day schedules until then.

For charitable giving this quarter, the Council voted to have Carl send \$300 to a family in Sharon.

The next meeting will be held October 16th at Sharon.

In closing, Father led the council in the Hail Mary.