***Attendees:***

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| Jim Wilson | **X** | Herman Bush |  | Kathy Batdorf | **X** | Madison Buddenbohn |  |
| Liz Gonzalez | **X** | Nikki Gorski | **X** | Patrick Perkins | **X** | Sally Raphel |  |
| Isabel Sans |  | Cynthia Santiago | **X** | Patty Smith | **X** | Diane Traube | **X** |
| John Young | **X** | Dan Zankowitz | **X** | Deacon Chuck Hoppe | **X** | Deacon Jim Sullivan |  |
| Fr. Jack Ward | **X** | Fr. Jaime Garcia |  | Martine Uveges | **X** | Diane Lewis | **X** |

***The Meeting came to order at: 7:02pm***

***Opening Prayer:*** Jim W led everyone in the Pastoral Council Prayer

***Approval of Minutes:*** Patrick motioned to approve the June minutes; John seconded; all approved.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

***Development Committee:*** Jim W provided a quarterly report (see Aug 2019 and Aug 2018 reports attached for comparison):

Jim W noted that it was exactly one year ago that he brought the need for a Development Committee to the Council. Fr. Jack, Deacon Jim, Lee Eder and Jim W prioritized a list of 6 major safety items (carpet in Worship Center and Religious Education classroom, HVAC system, sidewalk repair, compressor in Worship Center, and roof replacement) and identified the magnitude of their expenses. We are not near done, but we are doing well. Jim W shared that we have a great story to tell when it is put all together. Several small group meetings have been held at the rectory of selected parishioners. All enjoyed hearing about the warm story of our parish. We are looking for $120,000 over 12-18 months for the 6 items; commitments for $60,000 have been obtained to date. Fr. Jack noted that if people donate for a specific item, there is no cathedraticum tax. Fr. Jack thanked Jim W for all his fund raising services. Council members shared some needs in bathrooms and for storage. Jim W suggested a subcommittee to look at the big picture to better reuse storage space to meet the needs.

***Connections:*** Patty provided a brief quarterly report:

Patty reported that she has been involved in multiple events, such as the ‘One Thing’ Ministry Fair, International dinner, picnic, and bingos. She plans to provide a more detailed report at the September meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Tri-Parish Picnic*:Jim W said the picnic on Sun, 8/25/19, at Flying Point Park was great! He thanked everyone for all their planning and organizing. Diane L said the park facilities people were very pleased with how well our group cleaned up. The layout for Mass was better with a tent for the priest and deacons at the altar and all chairs arranged on the level cement floor of the pavilion for the congregants to sit on. It was reported that Deacon Jim asked if the area could be sprayed for flies just before Mass next time. Deacon Chuck said the police dog exercises were a hit. Participants enjoyed the new adult games, such as line dancing and the ‘Not-So-New Newlywed Game’. The attendee count was similar to last year, about 350 people. Salads and desserts brought by parishioners were plentiful. Only hot dogs were pre-cooked at Prince of Peace; no one complained that there were no hamburgers. 1,000 hot dogs were too many; fewer should be cooked next time. Diane L has papers of all planning information; the hope is to be able to pass them on to another group (at another parish?) for the tri-parish picnic next year. Everyone’s help was appreciated; a thank you message should be put in the bulletin.

*Ministry Fair* (see report and template form attached): Diane T reminded everyone that the ‘One Thing’ Ministry Fair will be held after Masses Sat, 9/28/19, and Sun, 9/29/19. It will be mainly in Kilduff Hall, though a tent will be outside the church to engage people. The committee of Diane T, John, Sally, and Patty created a form to provide a description for each ministry to be shared at their table. They want to have a general Volunteer table where people can sign up to donate their time, labor, and/or materials. She asked who could man this Volunteer table. Jim W reminded everyone that people have been submitting their business cards, though no one has had time to pull them together into a list. Diane T said a database or spreadsheet should be created; Nikki said that would not be hard. Signup sheets need to be at the Volunteer table, and follow up is needed with at least thank you’s. Dan volunteered to man the Volunteer table, and Kathy offered to help administratively, perhaps matching volunteer services with needs of the Development Committee. People will receive a card, get a stamp from each Ministry table they visit, and then their card will be submitted for a prize. Diane T asked everyone if a prize of a $5 gift card to a bingo would be a good idea; it would entice people to go to bingo, where they could spend more money to help increase the bingo income. Diane T will follow up on Jim W’s suggestion that she talk with Connie Piotrowski about her bingo idea. Diane T plans to advertise in the bulletin and have it announced before Masses the weekend before and the weekend of the fair. She wants to involve the youth group, who could do face painting. Fr. Jack thought he could add a short message about service at the homily on that weekend. Diane T will provide a blurb for Liz to send on Flocknotes.

*Flocknotes:* For each ministry representative to be able to send notices to their area, Flocknotes would need to be restructured. Diane L can help Liz with this. Liz can share how to use Flocknotes at the next meeting.

*Faith Fest:* Dan has a big board Pope Francis that he will set up at the back of the church to remind people to attend Faith Fest. It is an event for Catholic camaraderie and to help Catholics find a parish in Harford County. Nikki relayed that volunteers are needed for various tasks, such as setup and breakdown. She will ask Sarah Richards for tasks needing volunteers. Diane L will identify two youth to carry the parish banner at the Mass later in the day. Nikki and Diane L will help Dan and get a notice together with the volunteer link. Liz reminded everyone that all volunteers need to go through the online Virtus training that is required every 5 years. Liz will send out the volunteer link to the parish.

*International Dinner:* Kathy reported that the committee is doing well planning the international dinner to be held Sat, Oct 5, after the 5p Mass. There will be a ministry minute at the beginning of Masses starting this coming weekend. There are already two pages full of people signed up to bring dishes to the dinner. There will be a table at the Ministry Fair. They want activities for children, and they are asking for 3-5 minute performances, such as dances to participate in and celebrate our history and heritage. They are also looking for people to bring artifacts of their heritage and a DJ to take care of music and invite people to get up and dance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*NCYC:* Diane L announced that 16 youth want to attend NCYC on Nov 21-23, 2019. The cost is $1,000 per person. Diane listed a variety of fund raisers being planned. The Dinner Bingo is Fri, Oct 4, at $25/ticket; they are looking for sponsors for bingo games. There will be a Yard / Craft / Vendor sale Sat, Sept 7, 8a-12 noon. 33 tables have been purchased so far; Diane is hoping to sell 40 tables. A dining night out is set for Mon, Sept 9, where a percentage of sales will defray NCYC costs. Chocolate bars will be sold for $1 apiece. 18 Panera bagels will be sold for $10. Direct donations will also be accepted.

*The Practical Guide for the Everyday Catholic:* Patrick announced that as a follow up to Christ Life and Alpha, ‘The Practical Guide for the Everyday Catholic’ will start in October and run through April. Fr. Jaime and Patrick are putting these sessions together. Each session on two Thursdays each month will include some theology as well as practical applications. There will be a break in late December and early January.

*Ministry Workshops:* Patrick let everyone know that Ministry Workshops will be held in Sept, and then practicums will be ongoing.

**Meeting Adjourned** by Jim Wilson at 8:50pm.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Jack led the closing prayer and gave everyone his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Martine Uveges, Secretary