

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Thursday, September 5, 2019**

**I. Opening Prayer** – Fr. Crookston

**II. Roll Call** – *In attendance:* Charlotte Amenti, Pat Loughlin, David Wilson, Fred Oliveros, Geoffrey Stumpo, Dixie Lochrie and Russ Smith.  
*Ex Officio in attendance:* Fr. Crookston and Fr. Bridges.

**III. Vision and Mission Statements** – recited by Council Members.

**IV. Review of the Minutes** – The minutes of June 13, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

**V. Committee Reports**

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Charlotte Amenti was appointed convener and reporter of the Liturgy Committee. Fr. Crookston reported that training for new Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers will begin in October. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Education** – Fr. Crookston reported that ARISE Season Three will begin on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Religious Education (CCD) classes for the youth of our parish either has or will begin soon at the student's family sister parish location of choice. Our parish's Christian Initiation Classes begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that our annual Saint Anne Triduum that was held July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup> was successful. There will be a Birthright Baby Shower held the weekend of September 14/15. The Blood Screening scheduled to be held at the Activities Center has been cancelled. Our Mission Travelers are planning to visit our Sister Parish of Saint Croix March 2 – March 9 in 2020. A Spaghetti Dinner is being planned to benefit our Mission Travelers. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – No Report. Fr. Crookston noted that the repainting of the apse of the Cathedral is under consideration. There has been no date set for the next Maintenance Committee Meeting.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Russ Smith reported that the partial repair of the wall along Bedford Street at Saint Joseph Cemetery has begun and that another section is scheduled to begin after the first sections completion. Duquesne Light has leased a 20'X23' of ground at Saint Joseph Cemetery and has installed a 12'X15' High Speed Fiber-Optic Shed. Fr. Crookston reported that the Bishop McCort Football Team assisted in resetting about 100 slanted gravestones and grave markers. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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- ❖ **Finance** – Fred Oliveros reviewed the Fiscal End of Year Financial Report and the approved Financial Budget for the coming year. Fr. Crookston reported that our parish is at 77% of goal for the Catholic Ministries Drive. There will be friendly phone reminders made to those who have yet to give. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled for a date during the week of November 18, 2019.
  
- ❖ **Youth** – No Report.
  
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that D.C. Nokes has prepared a Succession Plan and Endowment Plan for Proclaim! TV. The Endowment Plan: *Bridges to the Future* is now in place to ensure the continuation of Proclaim! TV's LIVE Mass telecast into the future. New volunteers are always needed to join the Proclaim! TV crew.

**VI. Old Business** – Current Bylaws of Pastoral Council were distributed to all Council Members.

Fr. Crookston asked Council Members to review and bring comments for revisions to the October meeting.

**VII. New Business** – Fr. Crookston reported that Bishop Mark is instituting a Lay Deanery in our Diocese.

There is to be a Parish Representative from each parish from all five Deaneries in the diocese represented in the Lay Deanery. Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish will be represented in the Lay Deanery by Fred Oliveros. Russ Smith will be the first alternate.

**VIII. Next Meetings** – Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Feb. 6, Mar. 12, Apr. TBA, May TBA, Jun. 4

**IX. Closing Prayer** – Fr. Crookston

**X. Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Russ Smith*

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary