

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, October 3, 2019**

I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Crookston

II. Roll Call – *In attendance:* Charlotte Amenti, Pat Loughlin, David Wilson, Geoffrey Stumpo, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar 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 September 5, 2019 were reviewed and approved.

V. Committee Reports

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Charlotte Amenti reported that a total of eight new ministers will begin training by the beginning of November and they consist of Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Education** – David Wilson reported that ARISE Season Three continues and that all sessions are going well. Our parish currently has two adults and two children in the Christian Initiation Program. Fr. Crookston reported that our parish currently has thirty-four youth that attend either Divine Mercy or Bishop McCort and twenty-one youth that attend the public-school system. The students of our parish that attend CCD classes do so at either Saints Gregory and Barnabas, Saint Clement, Saint Benedict or Resurrection. All students that are preparing for Confirmation have already signed-up for the required sessions or retreats as it pertains to their grade in school. The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that the Birthright Baby Shower that was held during the weekend of September 14/15 was successful. Grocery Bags for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive will be distributed after all Masses during the weekend of October 26/27. A Spaghetti Dinner that will benefit our Mission Travelers will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Activity Center. Fr. Crookston reported that our Mission Travelers will now visit our sister parish in January of 2020 instead of in March that was originally announced. The next Christian Life and Service Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Maintenance** – No Report.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Fr. Crookston reported that Bishop Mark has signed all the necessary paperwork involved with the Duquesne Light High-Speed Fiber-Optic Communications Hub that was installed in our Saint Joseph Cemetery. Bishop Mark has granted Duquesne Light a perpetual easement and in turn Duquesne Light has agreed to pay all annual taxes involved regarding this commercial venture. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is to be held during the week of October 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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❖ **Finance** – No Report. The next Finance Committee Meeting is to be held during the week of November 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

❖ **Youth** – No Report.

❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that new volunteers are always needed to join the Proclaim! TV Crew.

VI. Old Business – The current Bylaws of Pastoral Council were distributed to all Council Members at the September meeting. Fr. Crookston requests that Council Members bring their ideas for revision and/or comments regarding the bylaws to the November meeting.

VII. New Business – There was no new business brought to the table.

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

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Crookston

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary