



St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

Methuen, Massachusetts

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 3, 2019

The Collaborative Pastoral Council assembled in the Conference Room at St. Lucy Schoolhouse; the following people were in attendance: Fr. Darin Colarusso, Dcn. John Kobrenski, Dcn. John Pierce, Andrea Bradstreet, Rachel Voiland and Sharon Walsh.

Excused: Mary Jo Farelli

Fr. Colarusso opened the meeting with a prayer.

Last month's minutes were accepted with amendments.

Pastor's Update

- Chapel Update -- The chapel pews at St. Monica have been removed. Bob Keck Company will refurbish the pews and the Altar to match. This is the same company who refurbished the pews in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The color choices for the Chapel are blue with gold trim. A new wooden Tabernacle was purchased last year and will be used in the Chapel. The grain of the wood is a good match to the pews and altar. A wall will be constructed in the confessional to replace the screen currently being used.

- Lighting - The lighting system at St. Monica is somewhat of a mystery. Fr. Colarusso will obtain program instructions so lighting features can be used as designed.

- Sound - The sound system in the main church at St. Monica may need some modifications so parishioners sitting in the middle of the church can hear better.

St. Lucy

Capital Campaign --- A company, hired by the Archdiocese, will manage the campaign. The parish will receive 75% of the total funds collected. The remaining

25% goes to Charities within the Archdiocese, selected by St. Lucy's. Fr. Colarusso will speak to parishioners sometime in November. Some Charities discussed as options are Catholic Charities, serving the poor, catholic education for children. Fr. Colarusso will send a list of charities to the Collaborative Pastoral and Finance Councils for recommendations.

Another component of that talk will be a request that St. Lucy parishioners remember St. Lucy's in their will.

Craft Fair & Turkey Shoot sponsored by St. Lucy must become true fundraisers.

St. Monica School

Trunk or Treat fundraiser, sponsored by the school and formerly only open to the school, will now be open to all. Anyone can enter their decorated car trunk; anyone can attend.

Andrea asked the group to say a Hail Mary to remember Bob Brouder, recently deceased.

Fr. Colorusso closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:15pm in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon A. Walsh