

St. Mary's Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting
7/24/2018

Financial Report: Financial audit by the Diocese of Little Rock performed last week. Audit revealed that we have very good internal control processes in place. Auditors will make a few recommendations. FY2018 ended with a net profit of about \$75,000 versus FY 2017 ended with loss of \$10,000. Financially we are in good standing now due to increased offertory and better control of spending.

Liturgy Report: Mass attendance has been down but steady throughout the summer. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration was set for December 8th. Saturday Vigil Mass will return to 4 p.m. beginning Saturday, September 8th. (Summer schedule will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year.)

Building/Grounds Report: Recent recommendation of spraying for weeds throughout the church lawn with a special herbicide. Recommendation to strip and re-wax floor in Parish Hall common area, approximately 3500 square feet. Bids will be obtained. Knights of Columbus storage building will be recovered with vinyl siding to improve the external appearance.

Communications Report: Bulletin has new front cover with our Lady of Mount Carmel. Will develop pamphlet for our columbarium.

Education Report: Father noted that he will not be in a hurry to replace the opening for Director of Religious Education as the new program of Faith Formation launches this fall. A team consisting of Maryellen Cadena and other volunteers will begin registration process in August.

Parish Life: Breakfast following Stanley Rother's Mass on July 28th. Tentative date of August 25th for Back to School celebration and November 3 for Fall Festival/Food Festival.

Heavenly Hamburger Fair Booth Report: Net profit of \$6,205.60. Response by our parishioners to work setting up, cleaning up, hauling equipment, and working each night was phenomenal and was key in another successful year for Heavenly Hamburgers. It was recommended that this money be used to make improvements on the front bathroom as well as St. Paul Room and Loyola Room.

Other Business: Father suggested upgrading the playground equipment. A committee will be formed to discuss how to best accomplish this.

Planning Retreat for Pastoral Advisory Council was tentatively set for September 29th.