

## MINUTES FOR September 11, 2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Attending: Father Jim, Ron Bachy, Sue Buchholz, Ted Novak, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Christine Stinson,

Also Attending: Deacon Herb, Renae Brinza, Gerry Meyer

Absent: Maureen Brady (excused)

- 1) Opening Prayer – Father Jim
- 2) Old Business
  - a. Security System Update
    - i. SAA security system
    - ii. \$2800 to install and \$70 monthly monitoring fee
    - iii. Includes the school, church and rectory
    - iv. Council voted to move forward with the purchase and installation
  - b. Campaign Update – Fr. Jim reported that as of 1/31/17 \$318,000 received to date. St. Colman currently has \$8,281.09 available after purchase of organ.
  - c. On Mission Update – District meeting held to receive the new “groupings” of churches, which were changes to some original models. The changes to our model were the addition of St. Jude, 1 additional campus, and 1 additional priest. Town Hall meeting was held at St. Colman with approximately 20 faithful attending. All were in agreement with the new grouping and are ready to move on with the process.
  - d. Contract with Outside Church – Christine reported that nothing has been put in place. Gerry told the outside church that they should start looking for a new location because of On Mission.
- 3) New Business
  - a) Parish Facebook Page
    - a. Facebook page represents St. Colman. Concerns were raised that some of the posts were not sending a welcoming message.
      - i. Council decided to review the Facebook posts and give Father some suggestions for guidelines as to what should be posted. For example, messages from the Pope, Bishop Zubik, daily lectionary, etc.
      - ii. All suggestions/recommendations should be sent to Fr. Jim no later than **September 25**, and all suggestions/recommendations should be **copied to all Pastoral Council members**.
  - b) Update Catechesis for the next couple of months
    - a. Ted reported the Little Rock Bible Study is reviewing the gospel of Matthew. This section runs through November 13. The gospel of Matthew coincides with the Sunday gospels.
    - b. The previous section was on the Blessed Virgin Mary; that section ran for 18 weeks.

- c. The men's fellowship will be studying the Seven Deadly Sins. There are approximately 17 men participating in this fellowship.
  - d. Ted would like to do something during Advent. Some type of religious education open to the whole parish. Ted asked if the program could be held during a CCD night to include the parents of the children in CCD. Unfortunately, this cannot happen, as everyone in attendance would need to have completed the Protecting God's Children security clearance/training.
- c) Update on our religious education for our children
- a. How many grades?
    - i. Currently we have K-8 grade children attending CCD classes.
      - 1. This year 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may be merged with 4<sup>th</sup> grade as there are only three children registered for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
  - b. What is attendance?
    - i. CCD is starting on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> so we do not have an attendance count/
  - c. Do they need any support from Pastoral Council?
    - i. No support is needed unless someone wants to teach a CCD class. Betsy, the program director, would like to have two teachers per class so if someone needs to miss, there is a backup.
  - d. Who teaches this program?
    - i. Betsy is the program leader of CCD.
  - e. We should give them credit at least in the bulletin.
    - i. Every year information regarding CCD is put in the bulletin
- d) What is the Finance Council doing? What programs are being considered?
- a. Finance Council has not met in over a year.
  - b. We did review the possibility of renovating the church bathrooms to become ADA compliant. Unfortunately, we do not have funds for this renovation.
  - c. Finances for St. Colman as of September 11, 2017
    - i. Checking account balance - \$18,899
    - ii. Outstanding commitments - \$18,618
    - iii. Checking account balance - \$281
  - e) Did we resolve all the issues from the latest survey?
    - a. Paul and Christine stated all the issues were resolved.
  - f) February 18<sup>th</sup> celebrates St. Colman feast day. Maybe we should mention him in the bulletin as to who he is and what he is known for.
    - a. Council thought this was a good idea.
- 4) For the good of the Parish – Christine suggested when the new parish is announced, a social should be held for all pastoral council members to meet and get to know one another.
- 5) Next Meeting will be **December 4, 2017 at 6:30pm**