

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
December 4, 2017

Pastoral Council Members in Attendance:

Ron Bachy, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Christine Stinson, and Ted Novak

Absent: Sue Buchholz (excused on vacation) and Maureen Brady

Others: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Renae Brinza, Gerry Meyer

Opening Prayer by Father Jim

Father began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Old Business

- 1) Facebook Page Resolution
 - a. After a lengthy discussion about the Facebook page, Pastoral Council and Fr. Jim will schedule a meeting before the end of January, 2018 regarding the Facebook page and the postings.
- 2) Security System Progress
 - a. Father has received approval to use the Church Alive funding for the security system. Per Gerry, it should be installed next week.

New Business

- 1) Adult Education
 - Bible Study
 - Group consisting of 9 recently completed a 10-week study of the Gospel according to Matthew. It was commented that this study was very effective to those attending because it followed readings of this past liturgical calendar. With that in mind, we will be studying the Gospel according to Mark beginning this Lent.
 - Parish Grouping Collaboration
 - Maggie Withrow of St. Maurice suggested that for early collaboration of our parish grouping we include a tab on our website of masses of neighboring parishes.
 - This request was approved by Pastoral Council and Sue Buchholz will work with Cathy Collins to create such a tab on the Parish website.
 - Parish Grouping Apostolate Ministry Work
 - Sue attended an informal gathering of members of our parish grouping in an effort to gather information in regards to Apostolate ministries that each individual parish participates. A listing of these ministries is being comprised to present to the new pastor at the time of assignment as a proactive demonstration of unity.
 - Pastoral Council thought this was a good idea.

2) Delivering Christmas Baskets

- Knights of Columbus holds a golf tournament to raise funding for these Christmas baskets
- Four families of St. Colman have been identified to receive the baskets which contain food.
- December 16, 2017 the baskets will be delivered.

3) Finance Report

- Checking account is week to week – currently \$12,291 in the account
- Paying the operational bills and then our debts
 - \$ 9,500 Parish Share
 - \$ 26,000 Benefits
 - \$698,000 Debt to Diocese – we only pay the interest
- Questions asked by Finance Committee
 - Should we do additional fund raising? Finance Council to address this.
- Father added these comments
 - After October 2018 all money into one super account of the 8 churches in the proposed Grouping
 - Assets & Debts
 - One administrative building
 - One priest living quarters
 - One DRE, Business Manager, Youth Ministry Director, etc...
 - All parishes that are in debt have had or currently have schools
 - April – October – very important time
 - New pastor to work with current clergy teams to learn about all of the current 6 parishes and 8 churches. It will be his decision, in consultation with new parish leaders, to determine which churches stay open and which will close. No closures will take place until after the new pastor and new clergy team is in place in October. Not likely to occur until sometime in 2018 at earliest
 - Our grouping is one of the highest for mass attendance
 - (a) 12 Sunday masses between 8 churches/6 parishes in the beginning (based on 3 Masses/Priest and 4 Priests being assigned initially to our group). The number of Priests will drop to 2 from 4 by 2025.
 - (b) What time and where needs to be determined
 - (c) 4 masses in each of the 3 churches, ultimately
 - (d) 3 Sunday masses per priest
- We have \$31,000 in our Church Alive Fund
- We have \$20,000 in our emergency fund at the diocese

For the Good of the Parish

1) Catholic Men's Fellowship Program

- Just finished the 7 Deadly Sins with 17 participants
- Next the fellowship will be studying Pivotal Players
 - Begins on Saturday, January 6 from 9 to 10:30 in the cafeteria

Next Meeting – Monday, March 5, 2018 6:30 PM