

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 25, 2019

Present: Fr. Ray, Martin Estrada, Fr. Traylor, Fr. Jerry, Scott Brandt, Anne Brosmer, Julie Stone, Max Verkamp, Jerry Birge, Lynn Scheu, Jane Gehlhausen, Van Ziegler, Bridgette Bartley, Ben Schwenk, Patty Brosmer, Pam Freyberger, Dan Fritch, Greg Fuhs, Moises Basilio, Carmen Miranda

Absent: Mike Hagerdon, Ann Rasche, Angie Greulich

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Ray

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Scott Brandt.

The minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting were approved. Patty Brosmer made a motion to approve. Lynn Scheu seconded the motion.

New Business:

1. Church Renovation Committee Update and Phase #1 Maintenance Items Approval - Dan reported

- 12 parishioners are on the committee. Entheos has recommended a list of Immediate Maintenance Items (Phase 1A) and Short Term Maintenance Items (Phase 1B). These total \$312,525 which includes a 20% contingency on these items. Goal is to complete these items in 2019. Shared and discussed the draft of the communication plan. Funding is available from the Steward of God's Grace Campaign. Max made a motion to approve \$312,525 from the Steward of God's Grace Campaign to fund the Phase I (A&B) repairs and Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed. Also discussed at a high level two additional phases that will cover the Bell Tower/Masonry and the Interior.

2. Holy Trinity Catholic School Meeting Update - Greg reported

- Reviewed the 2018/19 enrollment update of Holy Trinity. We have 69 students from St. Joseph's attending Holy Trinity this year. Went through the financial review of 2018/19 and the approved tuition increases for 2019/20.

Old Business:

1. Parish Strategic Plan - Scott reported

- Reviewed upcoming timeline for activities.
- Information gathering is complete with the exception of the parish visits.
 - Saturday, March 16th will be a meeting for the committee to discuss the book review results and the results from the listening sessions.
 - Expecting survey results by the end of April

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: Dan reported.

- Collection / Budget Update
 - Collections are a little down per week than last year but are ahead of budget by \$40,244
 - Overall Income YTD is up \$91,111 over current budget
 - Overall expenses YTD are down \$25,981 under current budget
- CPC Update
 - 44% of parishioners have made a pledge and/or sent in their card.
 - Pledged totals equals \$291,911 which is 90% of our assessed amount of \$327,450.
 - 2nd reminder will be sent out soon to those who have not returned their cards.
- Internal Audit performed by BKD on our 2016 calendar financials
 - Report issued Feb 2018 on Parish level controls, payroll, cash disbursements and cash receipts
 - Finance Committee reviewed the report
 - Staff has made recommended changes to several processes

EDUCATION: Julie reported

- Senior Dinner was held this past week with 200 people attending.
- Blessed First Communion classes have started. We have 36 students preparing for their First Communion.
- Fr. Tyler Tenbarge will be speaking on March 13th at Precious Blood Parish.
- On March 17th, the Maria Goretti award will be presented to Nick Bell and Tyson Brandt at St. John Daylight.

- On March 27th, St. Joseph is taking the Middle School youth to Evansville for Sky Zone, a visit to the House of Discernment, and the Ozanam Family Shelter to drop off donations.
- During April 14th to 20th (Holy Week), Martin will be offering Posqua to young people in middle school to 9th grade which is encouraging youth to become engaged in Holy Week.
- Faith Adventures is ongoing with 60 students attending. It will end the week before Spring Break.
- High School graduates' dinner will be the 1st weekend of May.
- Seder Meal will be on Palm Sunday at Holy Family.
- *Presence-The Mystery of the Eucharist* will be held over 3 Sundays in late March and early April to be facilitated by Steve and Linda Luegers.
- Bell Tower Challenge for Haiti is being held on Saturday, April 13th.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: *Lynn reported.*

- Sick and Elderly: Approved two \$250 financial assistance payments to two separate families.
- Had Bingo on Tuesday, February 5th at Brookside.
- Bibs are in stock with 20 more to add lace.
- Senior Citizen's dinner is set for March 10th.
- Went to L'ville on Feb. 23rd to pray at the women's clinic.
- Right to Life of SWIN dinner on April 25th in Evansville. Dinesh DeSouza is the key speaker.

LITURGY: *Fr. Traylor reported:*

- Ash Wednesday is March 6th.
- 6 am Masses will be held on Fridays during Lent
- 6 pm on Fridays during Lent will be the Ways of the Cross.

YOUTH: *Scott reported.*

- Angie's last day is March 8th. Interviews will be starting.
- An admin assistant and a part-time middle school minister have been hired and have started.
- Middle school bowling event was held on February 22nd and had 58 middle school youth and 10 high school leaders participate.
- 17 boys and 15 girls have signed up for the Middle School retreat at Gasper River. There are also 11 high school leaders.
- High school youth night continues to bring in roughly 30 youth every week.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY: *Moises reported*

- Attendance at Hispanic Masses is good.
- Coordinating activities, such as retreats, with other local parishes to build more community.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Fr. Jerry, along with all of the additional helpers, did a great job on the Daddy/Daughter dance. It was very successful. Had 50 people attending.
- Martin will be ordained a Deacon this month.
- Men's CHRIP is this weekend, and they have 9 guys signed up.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Traylor led us in closing prayer.

The next meeting will be **March 25, 2019 at 7pm** in room 307.

Submitted by: Max Verkamp