

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 30, 2018

**Present:** Fr. Ray Brenner, Dan Fritch, Ann Rasche, Scott Brandt, Steven Dunn, Bridgette Bartley, Moises Basilio, Anne Brosmer, Julie Stone, Mike Hagerdon, Lynn Scheu, Angie Greulich, Christine Brinkman, Max Verkamp, Beth Ann Riffel, Pam Freyberger, Fr. Traylor, Fr. Jerry, Jane Gehlhausen,

**Absent:** Antonio Loya, Jerry Birge, Martin Estrada

**Opening Prayer** was led by Fr. Jerry

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

The minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting were approved. Lynn made a motion to approve. Christine seconded the motion.

## Old Business:

### 1. **Evangelization & Outreach** *Mike reported*

- Prayer line is adding a phone option to the texting and e-mail option.
- Starting on Sept. 1, a telecare program, which will be an offshoot of the Stephen Ministry program, will be active.
- The Hispanic Mentor program continues to do well. One of the mentors will be on an advisory panel at VUJC that supports the Hispanic community.

### 2. **Parish Strategic Plan.** *Scott reported.*

- Most of the identified members have accepted. There are still a few openings that need to be filled. Still planning on kick off in mid-August.

## New Business:

### 1. **2018 Parish Council Elections Process** – *Scott reported*

- 5 terms are expiring in August. Max, Steven, and Jerry agreed to serve another term. 14 people have been nominated. Seven individuals have accepted the nomination and one individual has declined. Elections will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Names will be listed in this week's bulletin. Will work to have pictures and bios in the pews this week. Absentee ballots will be available in the parish center.
- Scott has made multiple attempts to contact Antonio, who has not been to a council meeting since October, without success. Antonio will be replaced on the board by Ben Schwenk for the remaining one year of Antonio's term.

## COMMISSION REPORTS:

### **FINANCE:** *Dan reported.*

- First architect visit was held in Indianapolis on 7/19 and was very successful. One possible partner is in Indianapolis and the other is in New Albany. Next visit is scheduled in August. Target is to make a decision prior to the next Council meeting.
- The Finance Committee discussed the Parish annual financial report that Jane will prepare and make available to the parishioners. Targeting end of August for publication to the parish.
- Expecting 69 students from the parish representing 44 families to attend Holy Trinity this upcoming school year. We have no record of any financial tithing from 14 of the 44 families. 9 of the families are giving \$100 or less per year.
  - We are looking to create a Parent Group for the Families from St. Joseph that attend Holy Trinity. The goal is to drive improved accountability (financial and time) to the parish from the parish's Holy Trinity families, in particular those that are not supporting the parish financially or through volunteering. Reviewed potential discussion points and approaches for the meeting.

### **EDUCATION:** *Julie reported*

- Over 200 students attended our successful VBS in June.
- 120 students attended Rock Your Faith in July. It was very successful. The kids again enjoyed the service day. The brown scapular was voted as the most favorite activity.
- Religious education forms were sent out to parish families. Registration is later this week.
- Enrollment for Middle and High School students is occurring. On line registration is available.
- Will have a couple new High School teachers this year.
- Martin is starting a Bible study on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:** *Lynn reported.*

- Bingo at St. Charles was held in July
- Doing thank you cards in August.

**LITURGY:** *Fr. Traylor reported:*

- Polka Mass will be held this Saturday afternoon. The 9 am Mass will have German music.

**YOUTH:** *Angie reported*

- Parent Small Group Nights have gone well. Have had up to 20 people attend. Evaluations are occurring.
- Extravaganza is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Invites have gone out.
- Summer '19 events (Work Camp, One Bread One Cup, and ND Vision) have been scheduled. Sept 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Work Camp. Milwaukee is the first choice and Indy is the second choice. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.
- Preparations have continued for the Wettlauf. 250 pre-registrations have occurred.
- High School youth night starts on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY:** *Moises reported*

- Strong attendance for English classes.
- Creating class to assist people in parenting skills.

**SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Scott thanked Christine and Beth Ann for their years of service to the Council.
- Martin's visa has been renewed.
- Fr. Ray's arm is doing well from his melanoma surgery.
- Coffee and Conversation went well outside on the plaza yesterday.

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

The next meeting will be **August 27, 2018 at 7pm** in room 307.

**Submitted by:** Max Verkamp