

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 26, 2018

**Present:** Fr. Traylor, Fr. Jerry, Ann Rasche, 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, Mike Hagerdon, Moises Basilio

**Absent:** Fr. Ray, Martin Estrada, Carmen Miranda, Greg Fuhs, Angie Greulich

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

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

The minutes of the October 29, 2018 meeting were approved. Ann Rasche made a motion to approve. Jerry Birge seconded the motion.

## **New Business:**

1. *Nothing to report*

## **Old Business:**

### **1. Parish Strategic Plan - Scott reported**

- The Strategic Planning Team met November 15<sup>th</sup> and discussed the data from the listening sessions. The team worked to identify major themes from the feedback.
- The group also discussed the upcoming survey and how to proceed in narrowing down the list of 800 possible questions to a final 100 and how to proceed in the distribution of the survey. An open question is do we survey parishioners not attending Mass, and if so, how?
- The group will also be looking to visit some parishes that have an actively engaged parish in order to learn some of the successful things they do.

### **2. Evangelization & Outreach - Mike reported**

- Thanksgiving Feast served approximately 1833 meals and over 800 of those were delivered. It was a tremendous success.

### **3. Holy Trinity Catholic School Meeting Update - Mike reported**

- Holy Trinity Parent Meeting is to be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Looking to make the meeting informational and inspirational. Multiple speakers will be covering a variety of topics. Have received mixed comments (some positive and some negative) from parents on the purpose of the meeting. The goal is for all families to be engaged and active with the parish.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

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

- Collection / Budget Update
  - YTD Regular Income to YTD Budget is \$16,954 to the positive and YTD Expenses to YTD Budget are \$18,128 to the positive. No unusual expenses at this time
  - Sunday Collections are \$18,760 Less YTD compared to 2017 YTD.
  - Received the Holy Trinity assessment of \$313,000. We had budgeted \$296,500. Thus, we will have to make up the short fall.
  - Sanitary sewer line to Newton Street will be replaced. The city will contribute \$2,500 to help offset the cost. The parish's cost is unknown at this time.
- CPC Update
  - 34% of parishioners have made a pledge as of today.
  - Pledged totals equals \$200,940 which is 62% of our assessed amount of \$327,450.
- Renovation project - Architects (Entheos \$30,000) are doing the structural assessment in December and should have information back shortly after that. Renovation Committee is being formed with up to 12 individuals being asked to participate.
- Window project – some will be returned the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> and others will be taken out. First part of July is the expected completion date.

**EDUCATION:** *Julie reported*

- First Reconciliation for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be held this week.
- *Rejoiced* book is available for the Advent season at a cost of \$3.00.

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

- Bingo was held at Good Sam in October. The next one is scheduled in January at Brookside.
- For the Angle Tree, we have 494 children and 165 families. Distribution day is December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Citizen's dinner is set for March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Finished 40 Days of Life. Didn't get a great response for the art contest.

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

- Advent preparations are occurring.
- On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Evansville philharmonic will be performing again at St. Joseph's.

**YOUTH:** *Scott reported.*

- Angie is looking for two part-time positions – an Admin Asst. and a Youth Minister.
- Wednesday night participation is stable at the Bosco house, approximately 35.
- Middle school events are growing. The Middle School retreat has had a great RSVP response.
- Limited openings for the June Catholic Heart Work Camp in Milwaukee remain.
- Registration is open for the following - Notre Dame Vision in July, One Bread One Cup in June/July, Ugly Sweater Christmas Caroling Service Project on December 16<sup>th</sup>, and Winter Blast Event on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- School ministry continues at Holy Trinity and JMS.
- Angie travelling to National Catholic Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry in December. She is also travelling to a collaborative forum on Catholic Youth Ministry and Young Life / Wyld Life in January with Courtney Foye, the Director of Dubois County Young Life.

**INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY:** *Moises reported*

- Attendance at Hispanic Masses is good. Have had plenty of servers available.
- Lady of Guadalupe celebrations will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Bible reading group is continuing on Friday nights.

**SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Moises' mother, who always wanted to see the Pope, had the opportunity to travel to Rome and Israel. While in Rome, she met the Pope. Also, his brother, who didn't believe, was blessed by the Pope in a very emotional experience.
- Kate and Ben Schwenk are expecting their first child.
- Fr. Traylor shared a story about a foster child who gave Fr. Traylor a wave during Communion this week. The child had previously acted out at Mass.
- Lynn shared her experience of a recent visit to a non-denominational church.
- Fr. Traylor's retirement is June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Fr. Ray's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

The next meeting will be **January 28, 2019 at 7pm** in room 307.

**Submitted by:** Max Verkamp